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SHOOT! View!

ENGLAND'S chances of winning the next World Cup appear to be remote unless they can establish a settled team.

It is abundantly clear, even in these early stages of qualifying for the tournament, that if they are unable to field a regular line-up they will struggle to develop the level of understanding necessary to crack well-organised international defences in Spain.

England's captain and inspiration Kevin Keegan, and teammates Trevor Francis, Laurie Cunningham, Ray Wilkins, Trevor Brooking, Paul Mariner and Viv Anderson have all been ruled out of team selection through injury or for other reasons beyond Ron Greenwood's control.

The absence of Trevor Francis was a cruel blow to England's chances of doing well in the European Championship and the enforced absence of other star players has harmed their chances of qualifying for the World Cup Finals.

As a result, England have lost momentum and the necessary understanding in midfield and attack. Fluid forward movements become second nature between players who perform regularly together. England have not enjoyed that luxury.

Many of the troubles at national level are the fault of a system which requires star men to play much more competitive football than their European counterparts, thus increasing the chances of injury.

Cutback

The average England player tots up 70 games at League, Cup and international level by the end of a season. A growing number of League managers are urging the authorities to cutback the domestic programme to give them more time to perfect players' techniques and skills. Their efforts should be applauded.

Great teams are best remembered for their continuity of selection which inspired thrilling attacking patterns by men playing regularly together.

Liverpool's team changes rarely from August-April, the great Bayern Munich side of the mid-70's rarely played without the services of Beckenbauer, Schwarzenbeck, Roth, Horsmann, Muller and Hoechst; and the constitution of Don Revie's Leeds United was better known than the Cabinet.

England's established centre-forwards used to be Tommy Lawton, Nat Lofthouse, Tommy Taylor, Bobby Smith, Geoff Hurst and Martin Chivers. Who is it now?

Ask the average man in the street to name England's team and he will offer six or seven midfield players and three or four strikers. The defence is the only department that has functioned as a settled unit behind midfield and forward lines that have changed in manpower as often as a kaleidoscope changes colour.

PETER Ward's recent £400,000 transfer to Nottingham Forest marked the end of an era in both the player's life and Brighton's history.

The 24-year-old striker, signed for £4,000 from Burton in May, 1975, by the then Brighton manager Peter Taylor, quickly became a household name among Seagulls fans after scoring his first League goal in a Third Division match against Hereford in March, 1976.

From that moment the former Rolls-Royce apprentice has never looked back, and his tally of 32 League goals the following season not only helped lift Brighton into the Second Division, but also broke the club's 47-year-old record.

It looked very much as if Ward would become a Forest player a year ago. Then, as this time, the deal was on one minute, off the next.

We've looked back at the Ward saga and as this diary of events proves, it was one of the most protracted and complicated in English soccer . . .

1979

NOV. 12: Reports that Peter Taylor had made a tentative enquiry for Ward. Tony Woodcock is almost certain to leave Forest for Cologne.

NOV. 13: Forest have agreed a fee of £500,000 for Ward. "The boy has been unsettled for some time," says Brighton manager Alan Mullery. "Perhaps a move is the best thing for him and the club." Ironically, newspapers claim Mullery is looking at . . . Andy Ritchie of Morton as a possible replacement.

NOV. 14: Brian Clough offers Woodcock a new three-year contract. "I don't know what I'm going to do," sighs the England star. Clough admits: "We have made an enquiry to Brighton about Ward, but I didn't talk to Alan Mullery because he wasn't available."

NOV. 15: Woodcock scores in Forest's League Cup victory over

Bristol City. Press call it "an ideal way to say farewell."

NOV. 16: The Forest/Ward deal is off. Mullery then offers Ward in exchange for Eric Gates. "I'm not interested in this," says Ipswich manager Bobby Robson. "I don't want to lose Eric." Brighton chairman Mike Bamber says: "Brian Clough is a difficult man to deal with. Ward is now staying with Brighton."

NOV. 17: Woodcock decides — it's Cologne. Clough says: "I don't know why he's going — it certainly isn't because he likes sauerkraut." Meanwhile Brighton end Forest's 51-match unbeaten home record. Mullery says: "Ward is keen to help us out of trouble."

1980

OCT 8: First inkling of Nottingham Forest resuming their

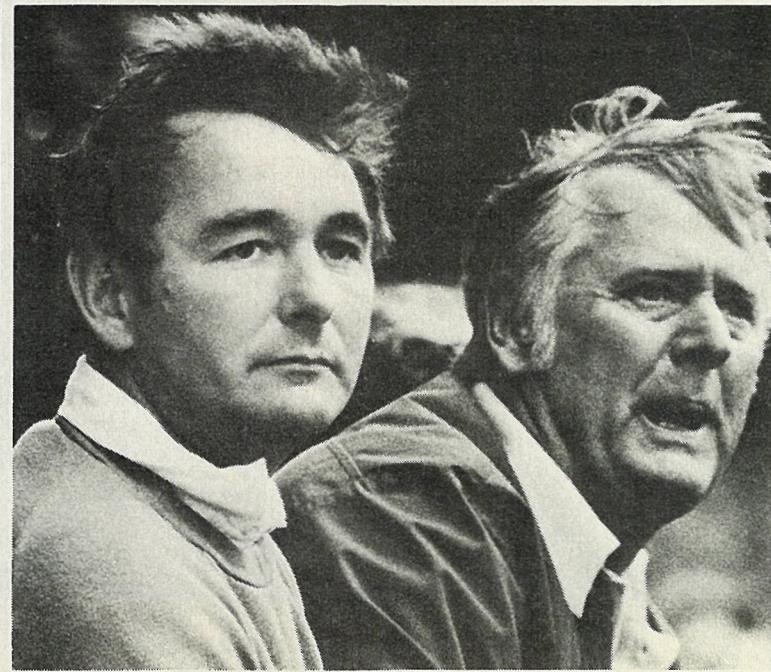
interest in Peter Ward as a replacement for Garry Birtles. Manchester United's unsettled striker Andy Ritchie — valued at £500,000 — turns down an offer from Chelsea and agrees to discuss terms with Alan Mullery at Brighton. To sell Ward to Forest would raise the necessary cash for Brighton to buy Ritchie.

OCT 9: Mullery and his assistant Ken Craggs meet Ritchie at Gatwick Airport and scotch any suggestion of selling Ward.

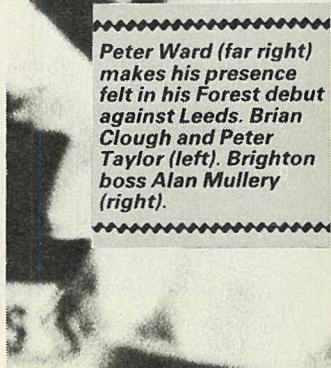
"There's no competition up front and we need someone to push Ward and Robinson at the moment," he commented. Forest manager Brian Clough also dismissed any interest his club has in Ward as "speculation".

OCT 10: While Ritchie tells Mullery that he needs time to think over a possible move South,

A day-by-day account of PETER WARD'S



Peter Ward (far right) makes his presence felt in his Forest debut against Leeds. Brian Clough and Peter Taylor (left). Brighton boss Alan Mullery (right).



Mullery again emphasises that he does not intend selling Ward. But a late night meeting between Clough, Taylor, Mullery and Brighton chairman Mike Bamber in a Hove hotel sets the ball rolling for Forest to sign Ward.

OCT 11: In front of Clough and Taylor, Ward makes his 178th (and subsequently his last) League appearance for Brighton and does everything but score as Forest beat Brighton 1-0. After the match Taylor insists that he can help Ward reach his true potential. "I still rate him and saw the same lad with the same qualities he always had for me. Alan Mullery had got all he can out of him but there are times when Ward is his own enemy. As strikers go he's there, which is why I want him at Forest," Taylor commented. That evening Mullery has talks with Ward who leaves the Goldstone in a hurry (without speaking to reporters) to join the England 'B' squad at Old Trafford.

OCT 13: Because Taylor had not contacted Mullery as he had agreed to, Mullery rings Forest to be told that he (Taylor) had not had his arranged meeting with Clough. That afternoon Mullery receives a call from Clough saying that the Ward deal is off.

OCT 14: In a heated statement Mullery says that there will be no further deals with Forest as long as he is Brighton's manager. "I can't say what I think of Brian Clough through fear of bringing the game into disrepute," he added. That state of affairs only lasted a few hours as that afternoon Taylor rings to say that the Ward deal was on again. But after returning from watching Brighton's youth team lose 4-0 to their Arsenal counterparts at Highbury, Mullery received a further call from Clough saying that the deal was off. "He said he was the Forest manager and that the decision was final," Mullery said.

OCT 15: Mullery, who described

the situation as "Too bizarre for words," asked "Whatever is happening up there in Nottingham? We feel very let down over this business and I have told Peter to come home straight away." Meanwhile Ward, who had spoken to Mullery before leaving Manchester, had further talks with him back at the Goldstone.

OCT 16: The latest and final twist to the saga when Mullery rings Clough who agrees on a fee "in the region of £400,000" for Ward. That evening Ward and his wife, Sue, meet Clough in Derby and jubilantly announced afterwards: "I'm a Forest player. But, I'm very sad at leaving Brighton — I didn't want to go but in the circumstances it's best for everyone."

TAYLOR'S TAILPIECE

'Ward's speed will be all-important. I like to talk about sides in terms of percentages. For example, our strength and pace. Regarding pace, we were poor because only Ponte has this. This is why Ward was necessary. He'll score goals alright. In the past he's been his own worst enemy, but there's no doubt that his best is yet to come.'

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GOAL RECORD

In 178 League appearances for Brighton Ward scored 79 goals.

BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

Saturday, November 8th

Leeds Utd v Arsenal

ELLAND Road has never been a very happy hunting ground for Arsenal, who make their 35th Football League appearance there on Saturday. In all, The Gunners have won six times and drawn eight of their previous visits, but have only won two of their last 22 League games on this ground.

Indeed, so difficult have The Gunners found things at Elland Road that they have only once scored more than a single goal in their last 16 visits. That was in April, 1978 when they won 3-1 with all the goals being scored before the interval — Frank Stapleton, Paul Hart (o.g.), and Malcolm Macdonald netting for The Gunners and Tony Currie for Leeds.

Arsenal took one of their biggest hammerings at Leeds in the final game of 1972-73 when they had been chasing Liverpool for the Championship and had Leeds on their tail. The result that day was 6-1 to Leeds, with George Armstrong getting the visitor's only goal while Peter Lorimer (one pen), Billy Bremner and Joe Jordan (two), had a field day, scoring four in the second-half.

Liverpool v Nottm. Forest

NOTTINGHAM Forest have forgotten that spell in the 1960's when Liverpool scored 13 goals against them in three successive League clashes at Anfield while they could score only one. The last of that trio of Forest disasters was in 1967-68 when Liverpool won 6-1. Since then, Forest have won once and drawn twice in seven League visits to Liverpool. However, goals are always hard to get at Anfield, and the Nottingham club has only scored once there in the last 7½ hours of First Division football, and that was from a penalty by Ian Moore in August, 1971. Forest lost 3-1 on that occasion.

Tottenham v Wolves

WOLVES don't care much for White Hart Lane, having won only four of their 34 League games there. The last of those victories was in November, 1973 when goals by Barry Powell, Geoff Palmer and Ken Hibbitt gave them a 3-1 win.

Many supporters have never forgotten the day that Wolves got four goals at White Hart Lane but still lost. That was in March, 1965 when Spurs won 7-4. The surprising thing about that game was that Tottenham's leading scorer, Jimmy Greaves, failed to find the net. Spurs goals were scored by Les Allen, Alan Gilzean (two), Ted Clayton and a hat-trick from Cliff Jones. Pat Buckley, Hugh McIlroy, John Kirkham and Terry Wharton scored for Wolves. Nine goals were scored in the second-half. Not surprisingly, Wolves were relegated a few weeks later.

WBA v Aston Villa

WITH both sides going well at the top of the table, there will be even more at stake in this particular Birmingham derby meeting. In last season's game, Villa recovered from the setback of an early Bryan Robson goal to win the game 2-1, thanks to second-half goals from Ken McNaught and Brian Little. They would undoubtedly settle for a repeat of that scoreline this Saturday.

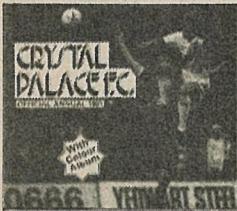
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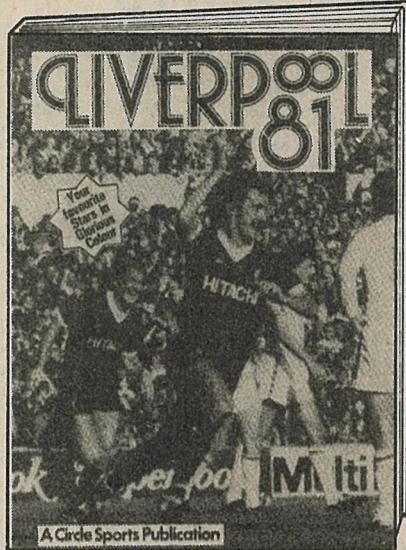
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MUCH as I admire Brian Clough for his great achievements at Nottingham Forest, I would never want to play for a manager whose policy for dealing with players is part-based on fear.

Especially as I have been privileged to serve under two at least equally-famous club bosses, Bill Shankly — the man who signed me for Liverpool in 1967 — and his successor, Bob Paisley, whose methods have brought out the best in me.

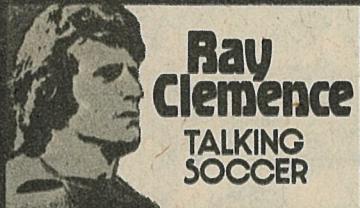
Often the first indication a Forest player has that his manager is displeased with him in some respect is a mention in print or on radio or TV. The procedure at Liverpool has always been for the manager to voice his feelings privately before ever sounding off to the media.

But there's no denying that Cloughie, and his assistant Peter Taylor, get results with their particular brand of man management, as two European Cup wins, one League Championship and two League Cups testify.

The partnership is unique, and I doubt if we'll see their like in my



'I WOULDN'T'



lifetime in the game.

The success of Peter Taylor has particularly encouraged me in my ambition to go into management, as he disproves the oft-held belief that 'keepers don't make good managers.'

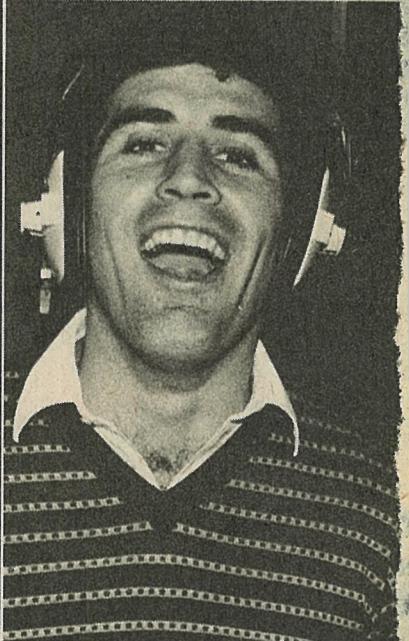
It's strange to think that if things had turned out differently at the start of my career, I may well have become a Nottingham Forest player, as they were the nearest First Division club to my home town of Skegness. Many's the time my father took me across to watch a game at the City Ground when I was a lad.

Forest certainly wouldn't want me now, with their goalkeeping in the safe and sure hands of Peter Shilton, with whom I share the England jersey.

Peter has a good relationship with Brian Clough, probably because he has a more easy-going nature than me, and never seems to get upset when his boss publicly singles him out for blame.

Personally, I respond to being ticked off behind closed doors without the rest of the world listening in. It's punishment enough making mistakes in front of thousands at a match — or millions if the game is being televised.

Chances are the cameras will be at Anfield this Saturday for our first



meeting this season in the League with Forest, the team who have been the biggest thorn in our sides since they won promotion in 1977.

Despite only just scraping into the First Division in the third slot, Forest took the 1978 Championship, relegating us to runners-up. They also did a unique "double" by beating us in the replayed League Cup Final at Old Trafford by a disputed penalty. Our only consolation was retaining the European Cup with a 1-0 win over Bruges at Wembley.

Then the following season they wrecked our chances of becoming the first British side to collect a



John Robertson scores from the penalty-spot to give Forest victory in the 1978 League Cup Final replay against Liverpool at Old Trafford.

WANT TO PLAY FOR CLOUGH'

2-1 on aggregate.

Four days later, at the City Ground, we gained some measure of revenge by knocking them out of the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup by 2-0.

We've always found them a frustrating team to play against. Even on their home territory they tend to sit back, force us to take the game to them, and so expose ourselves to rapier-like "counter punches" whenever we leave a gap at the back.

'"Side by Side" with Peter Shilton'

But talking to Peter Shilton while we were sharing a room away on England duty in Rumania recently, he insists Forest are now more attack-minded. And that was before the signing of Peter Ward from Brighton, who will obviously pair off with close season buy Ian Wallace from Coventry.

Blessed with tremendous ability, Peter has only one failing: inconsistency. Four or five outstanding performances have all too often been followed by an equal number of indifferent ones.

To justify a place in a First Division side, you're allowed only two or three sub-standard games a season.

Peter Taylor is well aware of his namesake's weakness through managing him at Brighton, and is obviously confident of correcting this failing.

I must admit it'll be a welcome change not to have Garry Birtles,

now with Manchester United, lining up against us on Saturday. He has always given us problems, scoring his first goal for Forest on his debut against us, in 1978 when we lost the first-leg of that fateful European Cup First Round tie at the City Ground; and in the second-leg of the League Cup Semi-Final at Anfield last season.

I imagine Garry would still be with Forest if he hadn't taken exception to an article by Brian Clough criticising him in a magazine!

Another thing we can be thankful for is the omission of Trevor Francis, still recovering from an Achilles heel injury. A world-class player who when he returns to action will complement Ward and Wallace.

Loyalty

Captain John McGovern is living proof of the loyalty and respect Brian Clough can instill by following him from Hartlepool, Derby County and Leeds.

Another key-man is winger John Robertson, whose specialities are pinpoint crosses in the style of Dave Thomas, and converting penalties, including several vital ones against me!

The back-four — permed from Viv Anderson, Bryn Gunn, Frank Gray, Larry Lloyd, David Needham and Kenny Burns — undoubtedly ranks amongst the strongest in the League, yet because everyone is slow on the turn I'm surprised how rarely oppositions take advantage of this weakness.

But critics have for years accused the Liverpool defence of being

'Forest have a League Cup jinx on us'

guilty of playing too "square". And not many attackers get past them!

Last but by no means least, in goal Forest have Peter Shilton, the man who certain sections of the media still campaign for as first choice for England.

All the controversy has done is to forge our friendship even more firmly. In fact, he and I have at last got together to fulfil a promise to a mutual friend who is an executive of a record company: to cut a disc.

On the "A" side we sing that old standard "Side by Side" with some new words with a football flavour. On the "B" side is the appropriately named "Save It!", an original song.

You never know, the disc could land us on 'TOP OF THE POPS'!

But I hope the only singing to be heard on Saturday comes from our Kopites when Liverpool are on the way to taking the two points!

In my pre-season preview I was rash enough to assert that Forest were not good enough to seriously

challenge us for the Championship, but that they were a good Cup bet.

It looks like I've boobed again. Since being knocked out of the European Cup in the First Round — an experience we've suffered twice — Forest have strung together a sequence of good results to place them amongst the front-runners in the title race!

So signs are Forest will be a difficult handful for us on Saturday — unlike Coventry City who come to us in midweek.

This is our second meeting in the League. After the first, which ended in a 0-0 draw at Highfield Road, Liverpool were criticised for shutting up shop in the last ten minutes of the game and boring the fans.

The lads claim this was unfair. They told me afterwards (I was left at home nursing tonsilitis) for the majority of the game City were content to defend, and a very important factor forced Liverpool to adopt the same policy in the final minutes.

Not yet fully match-fit at that early stage of the season, they were tiring and simply decided not to risk City getting a lucky break-through and robbing us of a point!

This time only two points will satisfy us against a team with a reputation as poor travellers.

If we can add them to a brace earned against Forest, we'll really have our rivals under pressure!

hat-trick of European Cup wins by removing us in the First Round, and going on to take not only that trophy, but also achieve another "football first" by winning the League Cup for the second time.

Although the League Cup is the least coveted of the domestic trophies, we at Liverpool regard it as a blot on our reputation as Britain's most successful club that it has so far eluded our grasp. On reaching the Semi-Final last season, we had high hopes of rectifying our omission, only to find ourselves matched against Forest, when their jinx on us in this competition reared its ugly head again and they beat us

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KEELAN BOWS OUT

THE impossible seems to be happening! Kevin Keelan, that prince among goalkeepers, is retiring.

At least he is threatening to. But knowing the man, who will be 40 in January, we will believe it only when it happens.

Keelan plans to go out with a spectacular retirement match at Norwich on November 25. It's Norwich against an All-Star XI — and as that is being organised by England skipper Kevin Keegan, it should be quite a team.

"Keegan has been a tremendous help to me in getting this game arranged. Although he must have a million and one things on his plate, he is still finding the time to do me favours — and I think that's tremendous," says Keelan.

In view of all he has done for The Canaries since joining them in 1965, Norwich fans owe it to him

to turn out in their thousands to give him a memorable send-off.

And if Keelan's plans materialise they will be waving him a permanent goodbye. For he hopes to go and settle in America, where he has played for the last three years.

New England Tea Men, in Boston, have had the good fortune to have him in their side during that time. But his contract expires in April and he suspects it will not be renewed.

"Every team in the NASL must have three American players in it. And there is a growing desire to make one of those a 'keeper, to give them more chance to 'import' outfield players," he explains.

"So it could well be they will get a home grown player to take over next season. But even if they do I hope to still go out there to live — if I can get a Green Card, which is a work permit.

"All the family love the way of life out there, and with the interest in soccer now phenomenal I have plans to open coaching clinics.

"There is so much scope out there it's not true. Soccer appeals to the masses because it's cheap and anyone can play.

"They are now coaching it in the schools — and that has to be a step in the right direction.

"It's catching on in such a big way that millions of women are even playing it. The wife of Dennis Viollett — assistant coach at Boston — has organised a mini-League for the fairer sex and it is attracting tremendous support.

"The future looks very exciting and I'm really looking forward to it.

"You may have seen the last of Kevin Keelan as a player. But I still believe I have a lot to offer and intend to make as a big a contribution as possible."

Keelan never has done things by halves. If he decided to do a job he did it properly. That's why we are banking on him playing a significant part in the growth of the game across the Atlantic.

On behalf of all lovers of the game in Britain we would like to thank him for the pleasure he has given us and wish him well for the future.

IF they gave an award for the most patient player in the Football League, Norwich 'keeper Roger Hansbury would be an outstanding candidate to win it.

Hansbury has been at Carrow Road for ten years — but has only just established himself in the first team!

Kevin Keelan — that ageless Peter Pan, who seemed to go on forever — wore the goalkeeper's jersey unchallenged for 15 years and condemned Hansbury to that long wait.

And when Keelan finally decided to give soccer in the States a try and left the way clear for Hansbury, the fates conspired against him.

Two years ago he moved eagerly into the first team — but had his dream put on ice when a broken finger, sustained in a game against Cambridge, forced him out again.

'Breakthrough'

"I'll never forget that as long as I live. I thought I had finally made the breakthrough when I came for a cross and caught Alan Biley on the back of the head," he recalls.

"My finger had gone — and so had my chance of taking over as first choice 'keeper.

"The following season I came up determined to make the position my own — and broke a leg in a pre-season match. I just could not believe my luck.

"But things seem to be going reasonably well for me now. So I'm just hoping that it is a case of third time lucky."

Despite the fact that Hansbury has been forced to remain in the shadows for most of the time since joining Norwich as a 15-year-old

Hansbury's patience pays off

from his native Barnsley, he does not regret a minute of it.

"If I was starting out all over again I would do exactly the same," he says.

"I've been with Norwich ten years — yet it seems like ten minutes. I love it here and would not dream of moving anywhere else.

"I've had spells on loan with three clubs — Bolton, Cambridge and Orient. None of them, as far as I know, made any attempt to sign me permanently — and even if they had I would not have gone."

Only Duncan Forbes and Graham Paddon remain on the staff of those who were there when Hansbury first set foot in the place, admitting he had never heard of Norwich before going for that trial.

"Graham Paddon left the club to join West Ham, and then came back. And I used to baby-sit for him when I first came here," says Roger. "It was my regular Saturday night job."

He now guards the Norwich net with the same care he gave to the Paddon offspring. And after having such a long wait to get his chance, we hope he has a lot of success in the future.



ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

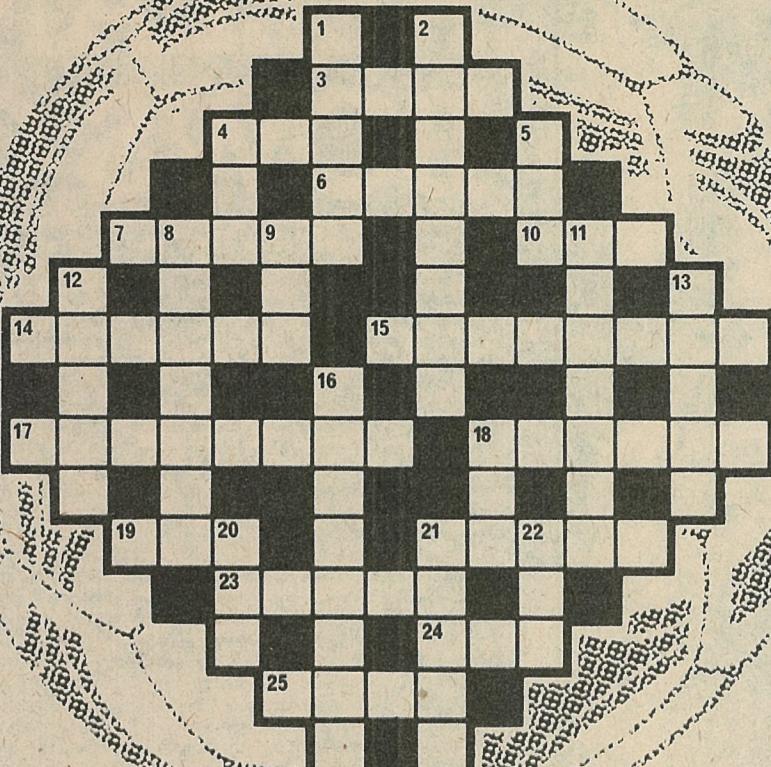
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- Peter —, Crystal Palace Welsh international player. (8)
- Allan —, Leeds United manager. (6)
- Number of clubs in the Scottish Premier Division whose names start with the letter "R". (3)
- Walk in stiff, pompous way. (5)
- Tommy —, Manchester City defender. (5)
- Trafford; Manchester United's ground. (3)
- Bryn —, Nottingham Forest defender. (4)

DOWN:

- Remi —, another W.B.A. midfield player. (5)
- United. Division Four club from Edgar Street Ground. (8)
- Colin —, Chelsea striker. (3)
- Colouring-matter. (3)
- Steve —, Everton midfield player. (7)
- Oxford play at Ma... Road. (3)
- Justin —, Norwich City striker. (7)
- Restrict. (5)
- Gordon —; footballer of the Year, 1971/72. (5)
- Frank —, Wrexham midfield player. (8)
- Open wound. (3)
- Decline. (3)
- Looked brilliant. (5)
- Thomas, Cardiff player. (3)

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The funny side of football

FOOTBALL fans continually yell out for personality players and colourful characters, and this week I would like to talk about some of the players and fans I have come across on my travels.

I've got to start with my manager, John Greig, who is a better player now than in his playing days. Or so he keeps telling us anyway!

Mr. Greig was known as a tough, hard character I suppose, although I firmly believe he had a lot more ability than he was ever given credit for. When I first went to Rangers as a youngster he was already the captain and he told me how important it was to eat, sleep and drink football.



He also told me to discount the stories that he ate ball boys at half-time!

The gaffer was a great character, and I remember sitting in a car with him once driving through Glasgow. We passed a hospital and this fellow came out absolutely swathed in bandages.

Honestly, he was just about covered from head to toe. He looked like something out of a Hammer horror movie. Quick as a flash the boss said: "Funny, I don't remember playing against him!"

Wee Willie Henderson was another outrageous character. I was told a story about our former right-winger that seems to sum up his happy-go-lucky nature.

Rangers were on a tour — I'm sorry I can't remember where — and another former Ibrox ace Ralph Brand was in the squad at the time. As you can see this story took place a while ago!

Anyway, Ralph apparently had just bought a new pair of suede shoes that were his pride and joy. He pointed them out to everyone and thought they were something special.

Wee Willie, always the joker, eventually got fed up with Ralph and one morning, before his team mate had awoken, he picked the shoes up and threw them out of the hotel window!

Minutes later Ralph arose from his slumber and immediately noticed that his coveted shoes had taken a walk somewhere. He spotted the open window, put two and two together and fled on to the streets just in time to wrestle his shoes free from the hands of a passer-by!

These things happen in soccer and have got to be accepted. I remember another story I was told, but this time didn't involve a Rangers player. I can't possibly name the player because I'm sure he would never show his face again on this planet!

Satisfied

This young fellow was known as a bit of a trendy, always wearing the latest fashions and so on. He bought a lovely black leather jacket, but didn't like the gleam from it. He thought it looked too new. Someone told him to put black boot polish on the jacket to tone it down. And, believe it or not, he duly did this and was satisfied with the result.

Not so happy, though, was a team-mate who sat beside him on a team bus wearing a fawn coloured suit. When they arrived at their destination I'm told the unfortunate fellow in the suit almost fainted when he noticed he was like something out of the Black and White Minstrels. One half was impeccable . . . the other covered in black shoe polish!



Rangers, of course, have many great fans, and one of our biggest is an enormous fellow by the name of George Mulholland. He reminds me of the cartoon character Fred Flintstone. He's got a real porridge-thick accent and this despite the fact he stays mainly in Canada these days.

But he thinks nothing of hopping on a plane and flying over to Glasgow to see us in action on match day. I remember when we beat Celtic in the Scottish Cup Final eight years ago and the players were relaxing before the match watching the afternoon soccer show on television.

Rangers Fan

We all sat bolt upright when we heard the interviewer saying: "And now we will have a word with a Rangers fan" . . . and big George's face came into view.

Asked how he thought the game would go, George growled: "Rangers . . . 4-0 . . . and I think they'll ease up in the second-half!"

We couldn't let him down after that. We duly won 3-2.

Anyway, these are just some of the funny stories you hear in this marvellous game of football. Keep smiling and supporting and I'll see you all in a fortnight . . .

Derek Johnstone

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Costly Police

SCOTTISH football clubs are becoming increasingly worried over the rising costs of policing games. Hibs' chairman, Tom Hart, has voiced his concern that clubs in Scotland pay more than their English counterparts.

Now Partick Thistle chairman, Mr Miller Reid, has revealed that his club face a £4,000 bill for Thistle's League Cup Quarter-Final game against Celtic, which attracted a crowd of 12,000.

The worst example, however, was the Final of this season's Drybrough Cup which had 8,000 spectators. After the police expenses were paid there was no money left from the gate receipts for Aberdeen or St Mirren.

RED faces all round in the board room after the Morton/Celtic game. Morton director Hal Stewart was on his feet in the directors' box urging the referee to blow the final whistle. Fellow directors couldn't understand it — and Morton manager Benny Rooney was equally amazed when he was congratulated by Stewart after the match.

Stewart thought the game had ended 2-2 — but in fact Celtic won 3-2. A red-faced Hal admitted: "I was late getting back to my seat after the interval and missed Charlie Nicholas' goal for Celtic. It wasn't until I heard the score on the television that I realised what was happening."

LEEDS BAN THREAT

A grim warning that Leeds United could be suspended sine die by the Football Association was actually made by the club's general manager recently.

Keith Archer, who isn't one to make comments like that lightly, told the Supporters' Club annual Player of the Year dinner that he was not exaggerating or being alarmist, but he really felt that action could result from any further disturbances involving the club's supporters.

"Bearing in mind our past record and the need to make an example of a club, any serious misbehaviour will possibly result in Leeds United being suspended for six months, if not sine die," he said.

"For too long — about 25 years in this country — we have approved the soft touch. It is a course of action which, in my opinion, is not working. You have to meet violence with violence and I am a great advocate of meting out corporal and capital punishment for certain offences."

Mr Archer acknowledged that it was difficult for genuine, well behaved supporters, to take action against hooligans "clattering down the road and banging people over the head," but he appealed for them to help in whatever way possible, to curb hooliganism, and he also called on the authorities to impose more severe penalties on the offenders who were caught.

"Hooliganism has crept into sports, it's not just confined to football, as we saw in those disgraceful scenes during the world title fight at Wembley recently, and we must all be aware that it can seriously jeopardise the future of all sporting activities in this country," he said.

ALL you need to know about football programmes, plus a history from the single team sheet of the 1870's to the present colour match-day magazines can be found in an absorbing new book *COLLECTING FOOTBALL PROGRAMMES* by Phil Shaw, published by Granada Publishing Limited, price £1.50 (paperback) and £4.50.

Also ... want to know about the job of a goalkeeper ... personal qualities required, techniques, fitness and coaching? Well, it's all in *THE ART OF GOALKEEPING* by Bob Wilson, Pelham Books, £6.95.

After retiring from playing in 1974, Bob joined BBC TV and has presented "Football Focus". He also co-presents "Match of the Day".

IN less than a year, Bradford City's youth policy, devised by Youth Development Officer Malcolm Cook has produced three apprentice professionals.

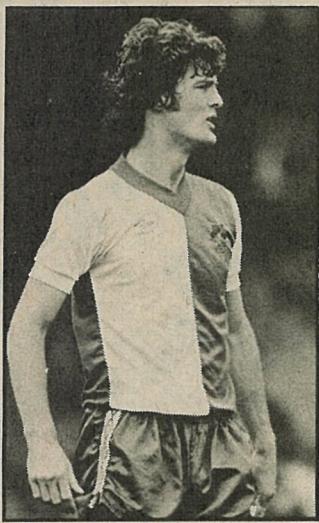
"In these days of spiralling transfer fees it is the only way for a club like Bradford City to survive in the long term," says manager George Mulhall.

Envoy Francis

TREVOR FRANCIS has been Nottingham Forest's travelling ambassador recently. The England striker, who is hoping to get back into action over the next few weeks, has made a quick visit to Malta to show off the European Cup.

Forest have some fans on the island and the visit was arranged a few weeks ago as a goodwill visit by the Forest player.

Incidentally, Francis was delighted to hear that Forest had scored a 1-0 win at Brighton recently, because it was their first away League goal of the season.



Keeley sheds 'bad

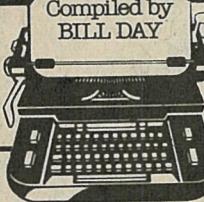
SECOND Division promotion chasers Blackburn Rovers must be pleased that they didn't allow centre-half Glenn Keeley to move to Wimbledon last year.

Wimbledon boss Dario Gradi made strenuous efforts to get Londoner Keeley to sign for him and almost succeeded for an asking price of £35,000.

Now Keeley, one of the best defenders in the Second Division, would command a six-figure fee. But Blackburn know that their promotion hopes depend a lot on the kind of commanding displays Keeley has been giving this season.

NEWS DESK

Compiled by BILL DAY



WEST BROMWICH ALBION

vice-chairman Tom Silk was killed when the aircraft he was piloting crashed in Southern France. His wife, Ruth, also died in the accident.

Mr Bert Millchip, West Brom's chairman, said Mr Silk's commitment to the club was total.

"He was a man who gave continual help to people around him whether in business or in boardroom circles. His contribution at boardroom level matched his enthusiasm for this club."

CHIEF scout at Elland Road during Don Revie's glory days, Tony Collins, has rejoined the club from Bristol City. Collins, who once managed Rochdale, is one of the shrewdest judges of players in the game.

No Record

THE £70,000 deal which took talented Ballymena United striker Gerry Mullan to Everton was not quite a record transaction between Northern Irish and English clubs.

In fact, it still fell short of the overall amount Burnley paid

Coleraine for Irish international winger Terry Cochrane, whose near-£80,000 cross-channel transfer included a £25,000 down payment and £50,000-plus hand-out when Burnley sold him to Middlesbrough a couple of years back.



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"Glenn has done very well for us this season," says Blackburn player-manager Howard Kendall of a player who was once rated one of the hard men of football.

But now Keeley steers clear of trouble, and at 25 has evidently learned his lesson that it is wiser to keep on the right side of match officials.

Keeley, a former England Youth international, had nearly two years at Ipswich before moving to Newcastle in June, 1974. He then moved to Blackburn in August, 1976 and is now the anchor-man in the centre of the Rovers' defence.

FASHANU'S FRIEND

JUSTIN Fashanu's call-up for the England Under-21 squad was applauded eagerly by his Norwich team-mate Steve Goble.

Reason was that the pair of them operated in The Canaries youth team and formed a lethal make-it and take-it partnership in the goals business.

Said Steve: "It's all clicking together just like it used to in the Youth team. I hope we can keep going."

GARY LAYS DOWN HIS HOD

BRENTFORD'S latest import from non-League football Gary Roberts did not hesitate to sign on when offered professional forms by The Bees.

Twenty-year-old Gary was a bricklayer when not scoring goals for Isthmian League Wembley — and was

fed up with his job.

He says: "I'm going to make sure I don't blow my big chance with a League club — I don't want to go back to getting up at six in the morning to work on cold building sites. Anything is better than that."

FORMER Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday player, Johnny Logan, has died at the age of 68. Logan was a half-back with Barnsley before and after the Second World War, and was a player-coach with Wednesday before leaving Hillsborough in 1966.

LARRY May has found it hard enough dealing with centre-forwards at the heart of Leicester City's beleaguered defence this season. Imagine his surprise then when a dog tried to take him to the cleaners in City's game against Manchester United. The dog slipped May's tackle... but a White City, London, greyhound was not so lucky when Phil Parkes spread his enormous goalkeeper's hands around his middle. Phil played for West Ham against Arsenal in a charity match at White City dog track.

DESPITE playing in borrowed boots, George Best still played a key role when Hibs met Ayr United at Somerset Park in the first-leg of the Scottish League Cup Quarter-Final.

Best met the Hibs team in Glasgow for a meal prior to the game and that's when his boots went missing.

He borrowed Peter Cormack's and from a corner-kick gave Ally McLeod the chance which put Hibs into the lead.

George, of course, has since returned to America.

Watford win'em over

NO ONE can ever accuse Watford manager Graham Taylor of not doing his bit to woo the fans at a time when they are deserting football in their thousands.

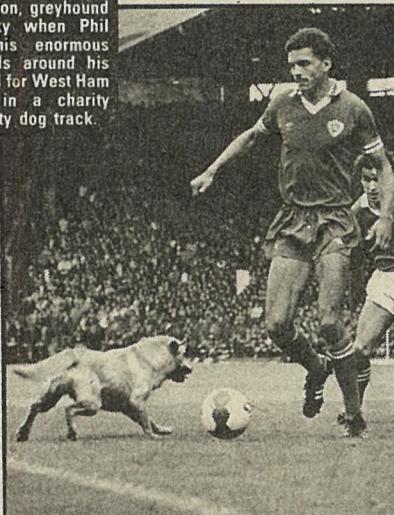
One of the first things Taylor did when he took over at Watford was to order all his players to live in the area. He wanted them to read the local paper so they knew what was going on and to mix with the fans when they went shopping with their wives.

For a recent home game against Chelsea, he moved the trainer's bench from in front of the main stand to the other side of the ground, so spectators on that side could get a rare chance to see him working in close-up.

Then, when Derby visited Vicarage Road for a Second Division match, Taylor pulled his most imaginative stroke of all. He went into the crowd behind one goal five minutes before the kick-off and invited two life-long terrace supporters to watch the game with him from the bench.

After the game they went into the dressing rooms, joined Taylor at the Press conference and were taken into the Board Room for an evening they will never forget.

So well done, Graham Taylor. It's great to see someone actually doing something about declining attendances — instead of just moaning and hoping the problem will go away.



IRISH NOTEBOOK

HOW do present day players compare with past stars? That's a popular argument. In a recent interview Eire boss Eoin Hand said that he felt he would not get into the present Eire side when he was at his prime. But perhaps the boss, who is still playing for Limerick United, is too modest!

A YEAR ago Liam Devine was one of Dundalk's heroes in their European Cup games. Now the 29-year-old striker is dead. Liam had fought cancer for nine months and to the end maintained his cheerful disposition. We extend our sympathy to his wife and young son.

GERRY Fitzpatrick, a close season signing from Bohemians, got his first goal for Watford in his European debut against Hibernian of Malta.

Briefly...

WHEN Rotherham United's Jimmy Mullen got his marching orders at Burnley recently he extended a remarkable sequence. More players have been sent-off at Turf Moor than any other ground in recent years — in fact Mullen became the 16th visiting player dismissed in the last 12 years.

A LOT has been written about the black explosion in football, headed by players like Cyrille Regis, Laurie Cunningham and Justin Fashanu, but Manchester City must surely be leading the way in this area. Recently in a friendly fixture against Lancaster City, they fielded no fewer than five black players — Dave Bennett, his younger brother Gary, goalkeeper Alex Williams, Roger Palmer and Clive Wilson.

IPSWICH Town striker Paul Mariner describes his clubmate John Wark as the new "Martin Peters".

He says: "John has the knack of popping up in the penalty-area with yards of space around him. He is as good as Peters at snatching goal chances and his defensive qualities are far superior.

"He is a good marker, and although not really quick he reads the game well. He knocks the ball off accurately, and it amazes me that he is not a regular in the full Scottish international team."

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LEN SHACKELTON

NO man ever put more sparkle and entertainment into his football than this inside-forward who became known as "The clown prince of soccer". There were those critics who reckoned Shack to be far too casual on the field, but that casualness didn't prevent him from scoring six goals in one game for Newcastle against Newport County. It didn't prevent him from scoring after only 11 seconds for the Football League against the Irish League at Liverpool in 1948. Len Shackleton was a footballing genius. Perhaps he was too clever. England surprisingly called upon his services in only five full internationals and Trevor Ford refused to play alongside him at Sunderland. Arsenal first took him under their wing but rejected him because he was too frail. He returned to his home town of Bradford and joined Park Avenue. Newcastle paid an almost record fee for him in 1946, but although he helped them win promotion to the First Division, he stayed less than two years before his transfer to Sunderland. There he played out his career until an old injury forced him to retire in 1957. He's now a soccer writer in the North-East.

ERIC CALDOW

JUST when this Ayrshire lad from Cumnock was on the way to creating Scottish international records he received a triple fracture of the left leg in a game against England at Wembley, and although he returned to the Rangers team for a few more games, he was never the same player he had been before that tragic accident and failed to add to his 40 appearances for his country. Joining Rangers from Muirkirk Juniors in 1952 he was soon recognised as not only the fastest left-back in Scotland, but one with real positional sense and ability to be a great deal more than a mere destroyer. He was a football general and captained both club and country. Before he left Rangers in 1966 he won five Championships, two Scottish Cup, and three Scottish League Cup medals. He appeared in five successive games against England.



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RAY CLEMENCE

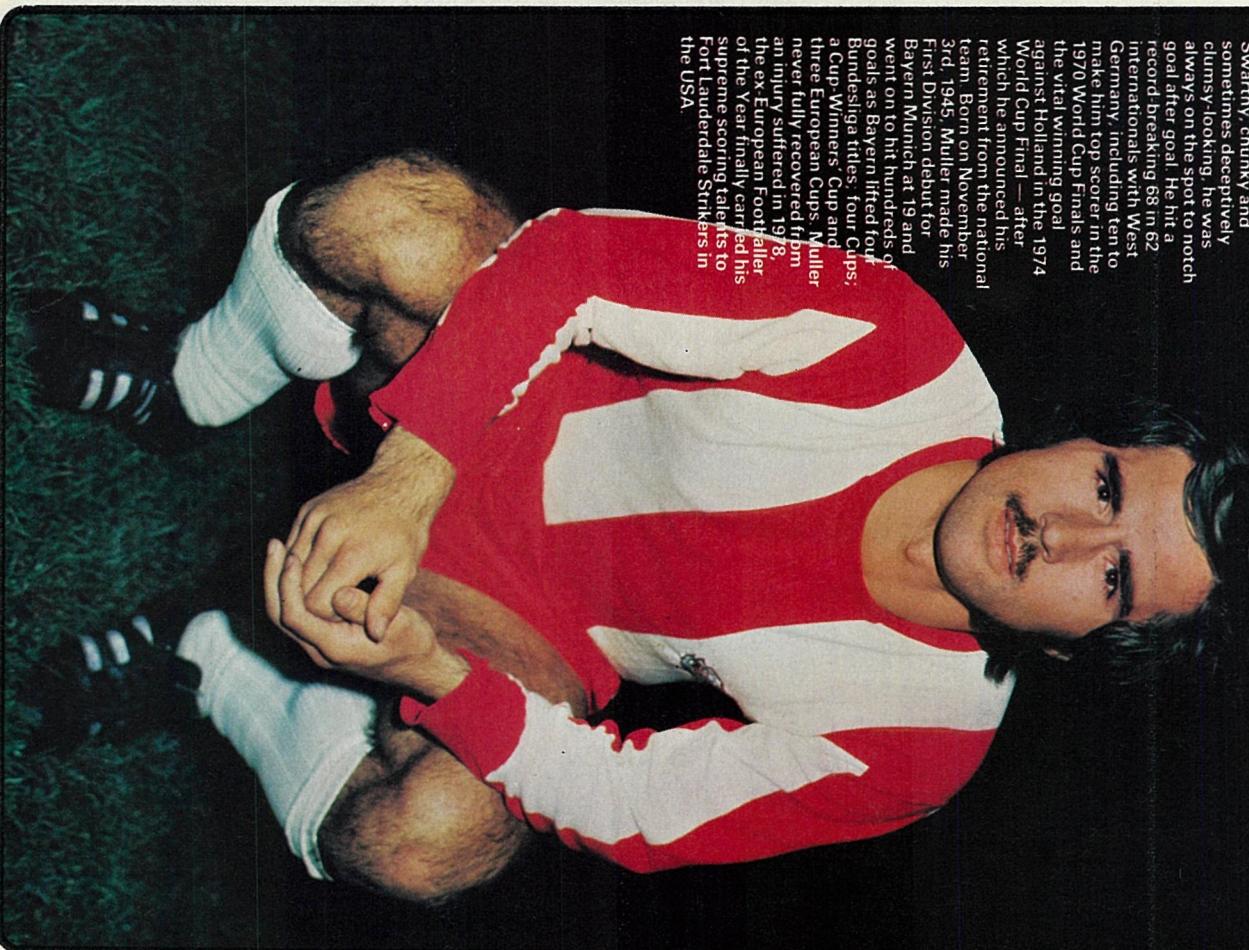
ONE of the greatest English goalkeepers of all time, Ray Clemence is currently attempting to gain his sixth League Championship medal with Liverpool. Born in Skegness, Clemence was signed by Bill Shankly from Scunthorpe, for whom he made just 48 League appearances. After a couple of years in the Anfield reserves, he replaced Tommy Lawrence following the club's F.A. Cup defeat at Watford in 1970, and has been a permanent fixture in the Liverpool goal ever since. His first full England cap came against Wales in November, 1972, since when he has played more than 50

games for his country. As well as helping to establish Liverpool as the most successful League team of all time, Ray has also gained two European Cup, two UEFA Cup and an F.A. Cup winners' medal. During Liverpool's successful League campaign of two seasons ago, Ray conceded just 16 goals in 42 games — a Football League record. He also kept a record number of clean sheets that season, and on statistics alone can claim to be the greatest goalkeeper England has ever produced. Has made nearly 450 League appearances for Liverpool.



GERD MULLER

GOALS, goals and more goals. That's the trademark of Gerd Muller — one of the all-time great goalscorers. Swarthy, chunky and sometimes deceptively clumsy looking, he was always on the spot to notch goal after goal. He hit a record-breaking 68 in 62 internationals with West Germany, including ten to make him top scorer in the 1970 World Cup Finals and the vital winning goal against Holland in the 1974 World Cup Final — after which he announced his retirement from the national team. Born on November 3rd, 1945, Muller made his First Division debut for Bayern Munich at 19 and went on to hit hundreds of goals as Bayern lifted four Bundesliga titles, four Cups, a Cup-Winners' Cup and three European Cups. Muller never fully recovered from an injury suffered in 1978, the ex-European Footballer of the Year finally carried his supreme scoring talents to Fort Lauderdale Strikers in the USA.



THE Brazilians of 1970 were like a breath of fresh air to a game that had become bogged down in a defensive mania. After a World Cup competition in which they were undefeated and claimed the Jules Rimet Cup as their own, having won it for the third time, there were fond hopes that their exciting style of attacking football would revolutionise the game, but alas few sides had so many players with

such highly developed skills as the Brazilians. They did, of course, have the inimitable Pelé to inspire them as well as score goals, but they also profited from the generalship of Gerson, the powerful running and finishing of Jairzinho and the genius of Rivelino. With so much emphasis on attack, any of their players was capable of scoring, and in the Final tournament they netted 19 goals in six matches.

BRAZIL '70



MIKE ENGLAND

COMMANDING centre-half currently restoring the fortunes of the Welsh international team for whom he performed so admirably on 44 occasions. Signed from Welsh junior football by Blackburn, England soon established himself at the heart of the Ewood Park defence, earning his first full international cap against Northern Ireland in 1982. After a period in the centre of the attack, he was signed by Spurs in 1986 for £90,000 and was a member of the F.A.

Cup-winning side of 1987. He missed the 1971 League Cup Final through injury when Spurs beat Aston Villa 2-0 at Wembley, but two years later he helped the club capture the trophy again against Norwich. From Spurs he moved on to Cardiff, and after a couple of years at Ninian Park he crossed the Atlantic to star for Seattle Sounders, his last club before becoming Welsh team manager this year. *succeeding Mike Smith*



PETER DOHERTY

THIS red-haired Irishman was everything a good inside-forward should be in his day — an excellent dribbler, an inspiration to his team-mates, creative, and a non-stop 90-minute player. In short he was a masterly footballer. Blackpool brought him over from Glentoran in 1933. In 1936 he moved to Manchester City and when they won the Championship in 1936-37 he proved he could score goals as well as set them up by hitting 30 in 41 First Division appearances. Soon after World War Two he joined Derby County

(F.A. Cup winners' medal 1946) but quickly moved on to Huddersfield. Then in the twilight of his career, he was appointed manager of Doncaster Rovers in April, 1949. In his first season he led them into the Second Division and continued to play for another three seasons before retiring with 409 League appearances and 199 goals under his belt. The War restricted his appearances for Northern Ireland to 16, but he had the satisfaction of managing them when they reached the last eight of the 1958 World Cup.

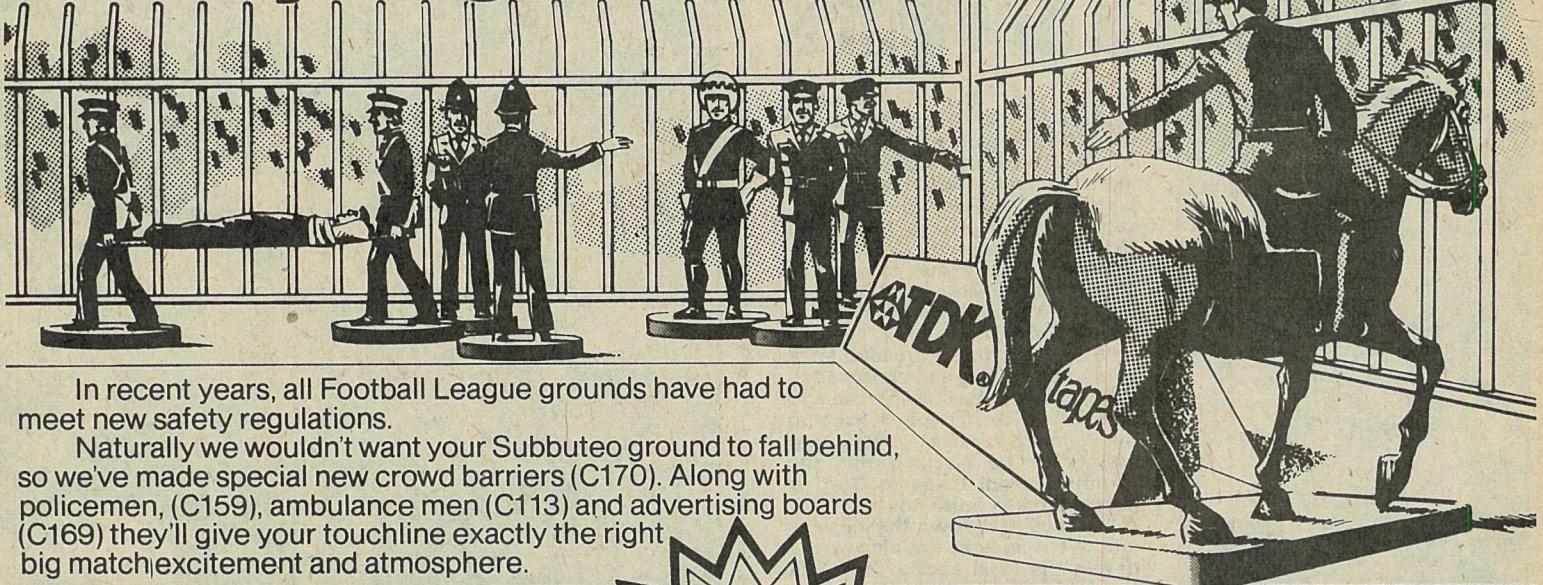


JIMMY McILROY

BURNLEY never had a more accomplished inside-forward than this Irishman signed from Glentoran in March, 1950. He remained at Turf Moor for 13 years, making 436 League appearances and scoring 116 goals. It is impossible to calculate how many goals he laid on, for he was a most thoughtful player who seldom put a foot wrong. Despite being handicapped by a thigh injury, McIlroy was one of the heroes of the Burnley side that won the League Championship in 1959-60. He also helped them reach the F.A. Cup Final in 1962, when they seemed certain to carry off the "double". That they failed to win either League or Cup that season, finishing runners-up to Ipswich and losing the Final to Spurs, was no fault of McIlroy's, who was acclaimed the most complete footballer at Wembley. In 1963 he was surprisingly transferred to Stoke City in time to help them win promotion to the First Division. He finished his career with Oldham Athletic. Capped 55 times by N. Ireland.



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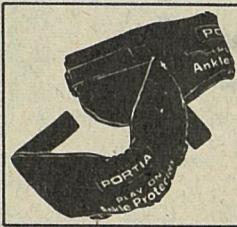
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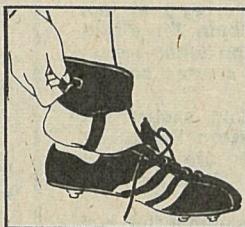


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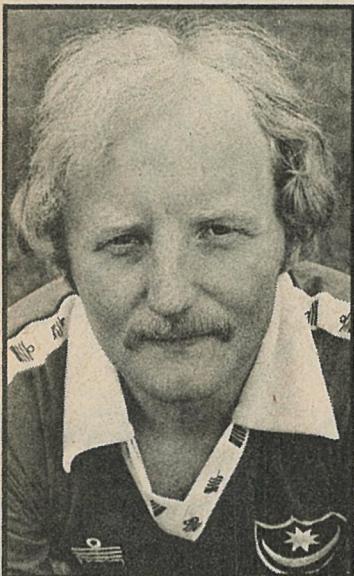
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FORECAST: A sunny future for Pompey's Showers



DEREK SHOWERS is winning his fight to be part of another Portsmouth success story. He recently rejected a move to Halifax and has battled his way back into the first team squad after severed knee ligaments a year ago had put his career in the balance.

"That, certainly, is the way that a lot of people were talking," says the flame-haired former Wales striker. "I refused to even think in those terms but now that it is behind me, I have to admit it was a very serious injury."

At the start of this season as newly promoted Pompey made the best start of any side in the Football League, 'Danny' (a nickname coined from his early days at Cardiff City because of his remarkable likeness to Danny Kaye) was back in the side and scoring goals.

And with Portsmouth handily placed in the top half of the Third Division, things could not be better for Derek Showers.

"That comeback was almost exactly a year since the injury. I had been holding a short ball and just laid it off to a team-mate when a Stockport defender clattered into me. In an instant, my season was over."

"It was a terrible moment at the time and it became even worse as the season progressed. There we were chasing promotion, involved in a furious dogfight . . . and there was nothing I could contribute. In the end I just had to stay away from Fratton Park."

"Coming from the Welsh valleys where Rugby is a religion, I thought I knew something about fanaticism — but the way they feel about football at Portsmouth takes some beating. The crowds climbed to 20,000 as we went for promotion last season and the atmosphere was incredible . . . if you were part of the team."

"If you were out of it completely,

as I was, then it became depressing. So much so that I found I could not watch matches."

"Here I must pay a tribute to our manager Frank Burrows. He had his hands full with the side but, somehow, he always found the time in the afternoons to train with Steve Piper and me. There was always the encouragement that we both needed at a time of professional crisis."

"Steve also had a dreadful knee injury and, finally, he was forced to retire; but I made it in the end and Frank did a terrific job in keeping me going when everything seemed to be black. During the summer I went home to Merthyr determined to finish the job."

"I ran up and down the hillsides and went weight training every day in the local sports centre. In the end, I had slimmed down a stone to 12st 5lbs and restored my fitness. I was able to return to Fratton Park for pre-season training and tell everyone 'I'm back — and I'm ready'."

"When I won back my first team place almost immediately and got off the mark as a goalscorer straight away, it was just about the best moment in my life. Now I want a lot more."

Success'

"After missing out on the promotion excitement last season, I'd love to have my share in another success this time. We don't talk about a second consecutive promotion within the club because these are very early days — but I'm sure that this is the way that the fans feel."

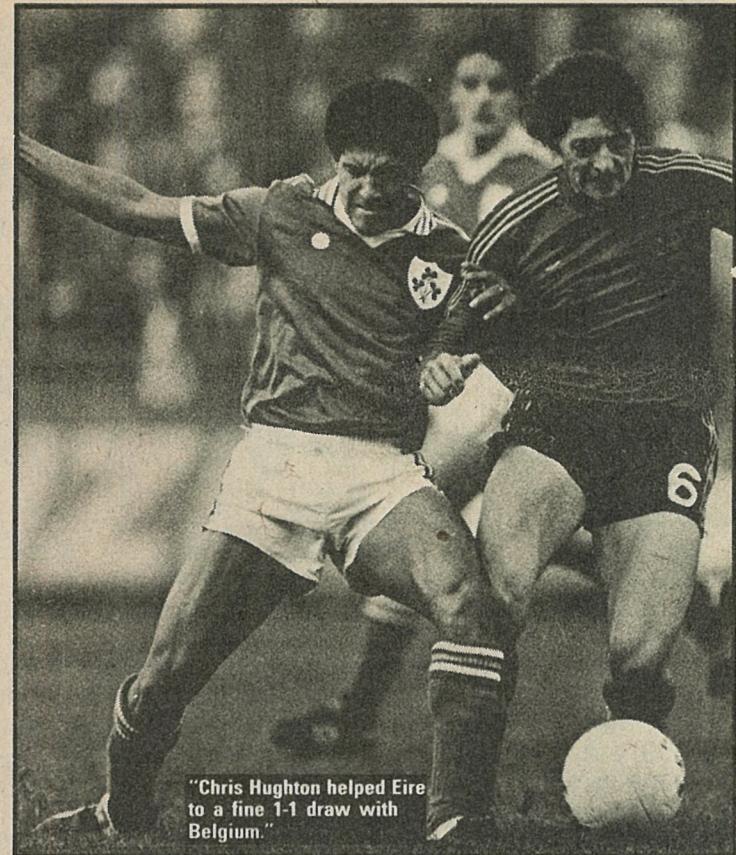
"They have tremendous expectations at Portsmouth and rightly so. Even in the Third Division, this club is out of place. It's a First Division club in every sense of the word."

"I'd love, too, for another chance with Wales. It may have been five years since my two caps and people could say that ambitions like international football again are ridiculous — but I don't think so. I'm still only 27 and I watched the Welsh side several times last season: I am sure I could do a job for Mike England."

"You have to aim for the top, and I can force my way back into the reckoning by scoring goals in a winning Pompey team. I'm a better player now than when I won my caps, and I'm a more consistent scorer."

"There is mounting excitement once more at Fratton Park. The days of desperation are over and shrewd manager Burrows has turned the tide."

"Not only has he saved a club but he has kept alive the career of the battling, bustling Showers. 'I owe manager and club one heck of a debt,' says a grateful Showers."



"Chris Hughton helped Eire to a fine 1-1 draw with Belgium."

ALL five home countries have had good starts to their World Cup campaigns — some better than others, though — and as things stand there is a distinct possibility of all five qualifying for the Finals in Spain in '82.

With 24 Finalists this time there should certainly be more than the 'traditional' one Finalist, which has been either England or Scotland in recent times. It's been said that having so many teams in the Finals will mean more poor games and therefore a lower overall standard.

I disagree. Firstly, with so many Finalists it should ensure that the world's best teams are present. It's been ludicrous when strong sides such as England, Czechoslovakia or Russia have been absent, with the likes of Haiti or Zaire there.

Competitive

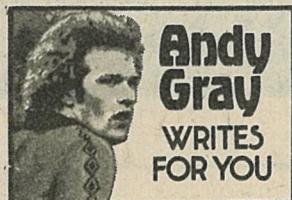
Most important, though . . . if there are four or five Home teams in Spain that, surely, will make the Finals competitive, if only from a British viewpoint?

I don't go along with the pessimists who say our fans couldn't behave themselves. Hooliganism, although a problem, is more often than not blown out of all proportion — although an England/Scotland World Cup Final throws up some interesting thoughts!

The Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Wales rarely receive the credit or publicity they deserve, yet they have made a better start than either England or Scotland.

I've often felt that these countries don't so much suffer from having fewer players to choose from, as benefiting from it. Their squads, which have been together for a long time, must have a real club spirit.

Wales could easily have been in



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'FIVE HOME QUALIFIERS STILL POSSIBLE'

Argentina instead of Scotland. If the referee had seen what really happened with that handball incident at Anfield . . . well, who knows?

Our own start has been satisfactory. If Jock Stein and Jim McLean had sat down in August and 'planned' how the points would go, I'm sure they would have been happy with three from our first two ties.

Ironically, they probably came the 'wrong' way round, with Scotland winning in Sweden and drawing at home with Portugal.

Our group is now between Portugal, Northern Ireland and ourselves. Sweden are as good as out, while it will be a sensation if Israel make it.

Ireland have the trip to Tel Aviv behind them. I'm glad we weren't the first to play there. By the time we travel to Israel next February we'll know more about them than the Irish did.

Israel won't be underestimated. It's easy to assume they won't be too difficult, but English clubs are now taking note of their players and simply going to a place we've never been to before means it'll be a completely new experience for us.

Although we beat Portugal 4-1 in the European Championship earlier this year, it was a different Portugal we met at Hampden last month.

BELOW: "Portugal came to Hampden with no intention other than to defend."

That defeat frightened them and they came with no intention other than to defend.

My view is that they are an ordinary side; you don't have to be a great team to defend in such a way. Take 11 people from the terraces with some football knowledge, get them fit and organise them and they'll make like difficult for you.

We won't know the significance of that dropped point until later in the tournament. The most important factor is not to lose at home; that can be disastrous.

Upset

Wales' manager Mike England will be happy with his team's four points and eight goals from ties against Iceland and Turkey. Having said that, he would have been upset with anything less than two wins.

The Welsh must ensure they gain a maximum eight points from their four clashes with these opponents, because winning in Russia or Czechoslovakia won't be easy. If Wales can manage 12 points . . . eight from Iceland and Turkey, and four from the matches against the others . . . they should go through.

When the draw was made, a lot of people thought England would have few problems qualifying. I reckon they'll do it, but not without a few anxious moments.

I didn't see the game against Rumania on T.V. The Wolves lads said how impressed they were by the Rumanians, though, and that England were outclassed in some ways.

It didn't look a typical England line-up. No disrespect to those who played, who are fine club men. It's just that there were so many big name stars on the injured list and their experience was obviously missed.

While England lost in Bucharest, it's fair to assume the other teams in the group won't find much joy in Rumania either. Playing behind the Iron Curtain always presents problems.

I've played in Poland, Rumania and Czechoslovakia and it really is going into the unknown. We don't see their teams on television, we read little about them, we don't know their players well. I've found

the food, even in the best hotels, poor and there is an air of despondency hanging around. Mind you, it works the other way for the Eastern Europeans, who rarely travel well.

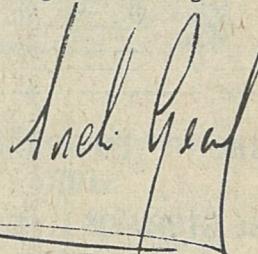
Eire's result against Belgium impressed me because Belgium scored first. We saw in the European Championship how difficult they are to break down, especially when they go ahead.

So a 1-1 draw is far from a disaster. Eire have a good home record — there aren't many teams you'd back to win in Dublin, where the Irish are backed by a partisan crowd.

Northern Ireland are British Champions, a fact conveniently forgotten by some, but all credit to them. Their confidence must be high after an unbeaten run and if they come home from Portugal unbeaten in a couple of weeks Group Six will be very interesting.

Wolves' more immediate thoughts concern our game against Brighton on Saturday. We've played them three times since they were promoted and have yet to even draw.

Their new strike-force of Michael Robinson and Andy Ritchie will be out to impress, but it's about time we had some joy against Brighton. Join me again in a fortnight.



"Brian Flynn played a big part in Wales' 4-0 victory over Turkey at Cardiff."



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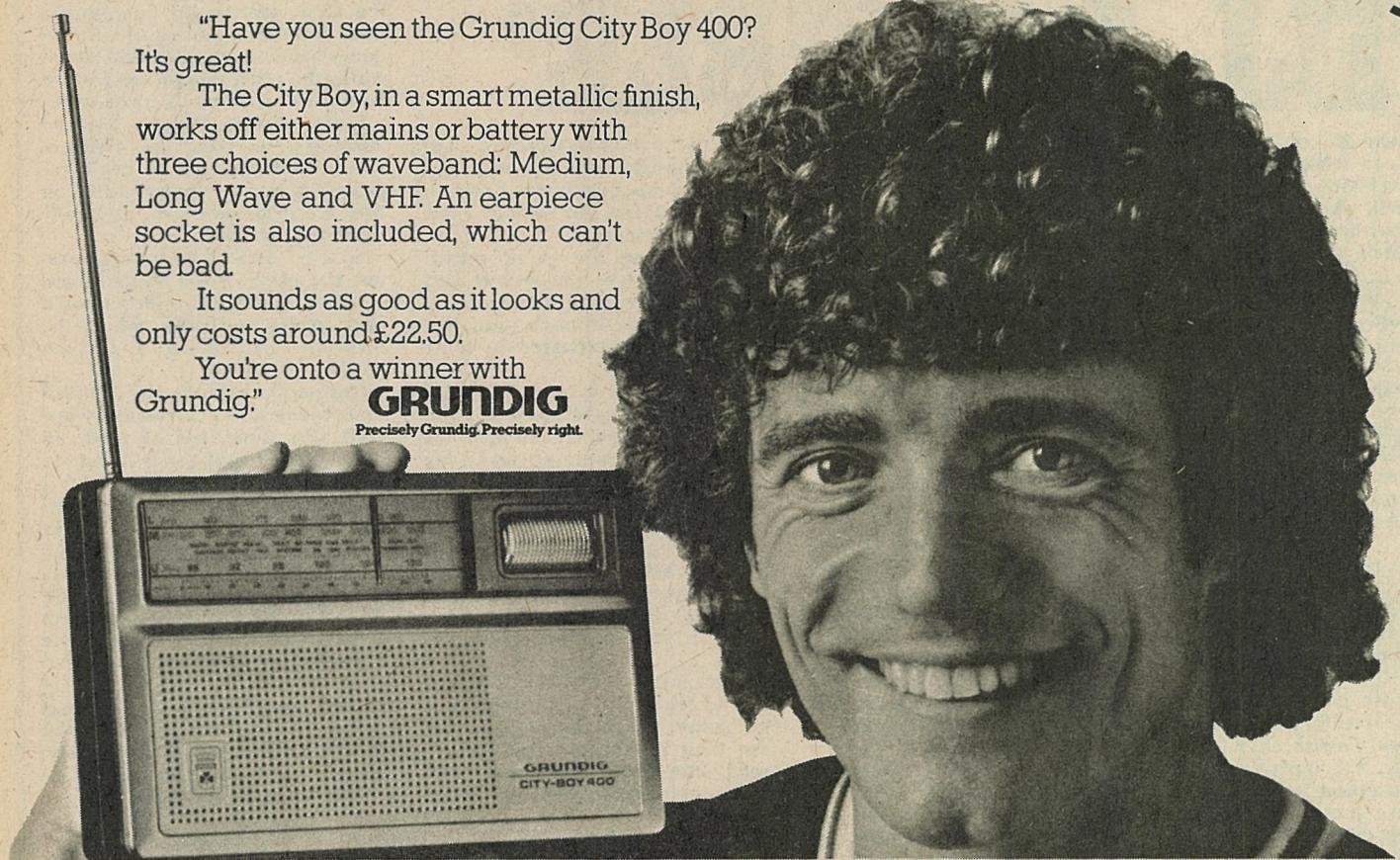
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'Don't expect, miracles'

warns Bristol City boss
BOB HOUGHTON

THE man who performed minor miracles in European combat with Swedish club Malmoe makes a special plea to the fans of struggling Bristol City.

Bob Houghton has returned from years of isolation from the English game to try to revive the fortunes of sagging Bristol City, the West Country club which threatens to slide dramatically from First Division to Third.

Yet Houghton, regarded as a superb tactician by steering Malmoe to the 1979 European Cup Final plus two appearances in the Quarter-Finals of Europe's premier club competition, says simply: "In life, all things take time: in football, add a bit more on."

Houghton, who came home for his first managerial job in this country after resigning as coach of Greek club Ethnikos, says: "I am no miracle worker. I know it's asking a lot for the fans to be patient when they see their side at the bottom of the Second Division.

"But the facts are harsh — a lot of hard work is required here, and a lot of time and patience."

Bobby Houghton never played football at League level in this country, but lack of qualifications for the job were hardly in the minds of the City board, and Chairman Stephen Kew, when they looked for a replacement for Alan Dicks.

Famous

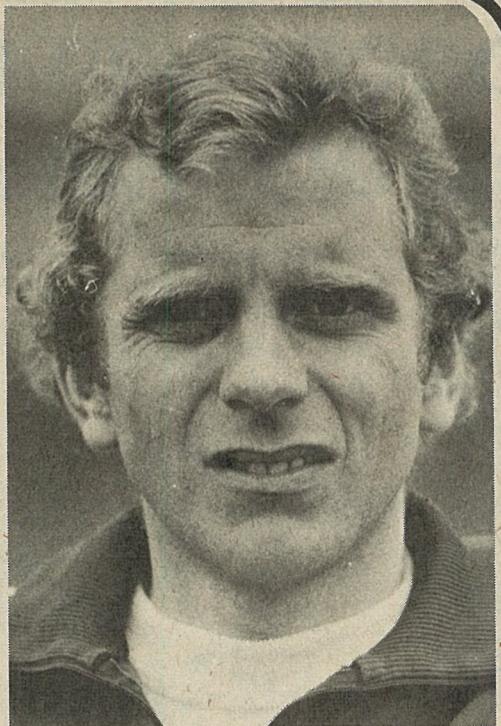
Kew chose his man carefully after extensive discussions with some of football's most famous names, including Jimmy Hill, Brian Clough and Lawrie McMenemy.

The fact that it was Houghton was not a total surprise. The sacking of Ronnie Allen in Greece just a month after his appointment made Houghton realise his neck, too, was likely to be on the block in the near future. And his desire to try coaching in England was well known.

So Houghton resigned from Ethnikos and accepted a three-year contract at Ashton Gate.

"We need to introduce some new faces and I want to alter the way things are run at the club on the playing side, but I do believe there is some material here to work with," he says firmly. "But money is tight and I shall have to sell before I buy."

"I knew that was the situation before I joined the club; it's a fact of life for most clubs in England these days. But I won't be panicked into mass changes for the sake of them. I want to have a proper look at the first team squad,



reserves and youngsters. It's only after I've studied the situation carefully that I'll make the changes I think necessary."

Houghton comes to his first managerial job in this country at a difficult time for English football. Yet he maintains we may be too self-critical in our analysis of our problems.

"The respect for English football by people and clubs abroad is still very high," he says. "I went to every European club tournament draw for years as manager of Malmoe and I always heard a very deep sigh of relief by clubs from all over Europe when they missed an English club in the draw. That's not because of the fans — just because they always feared and respected English sides. People here tend to be a little over-critical about our problems."

Houghton was persuaded to take the Bristol job by the past record of the club's board.

He admits: "The club is known to me and I knew that they had stuck by their previous manager, even when things were difficult. They have a reputation as a board which gives its manager time, doesn't expect miracles overnight and lets the manager run things the way he wants to. That knowledge played a key part in my decision to come here."

"I wasn't desperate to come back to England, although I knew it would be a challenge. But I accepted this job because I believe this club had great possibilities."

"There are no short cuts to success in football, whether you are with Malmoe, Bristol City or Liverpool. A lot of hard work is required first and foremost, and the time to put things right."

Bristol City (dark shirts) apply the pressure at Queens Park Rangers.



THE rumbling East Anglian soccer revolution is seeping through to parts of the region that other people forget . . . and Peterborough United, once famous giant-killers, are back on the promotion trail.

That is the verdict of the Fourth Division side's goalscoring midfield man Billy Kellock, once of Aston Villa, Cardiff and Norwich in the League and Chelmsford and Kettering outside it, but now firmly committed to getting The Posh back into the Third Division.

"We will get promotion this year, I am sure," he said.

Kellock's confident prediction is no idle and hopeful boast. The modern, well-planned town is alive with the ambition of the club and looking forward to further chances of big-money fixtures like the League Cup clash with Nottingham Forest earlier this season.

Then, over two hard-fought games, The Posh did more to boost team morale and end doubt about the side's ability than all of last year's efforts, when the team built up a promotion challenge but allowed it to slip.

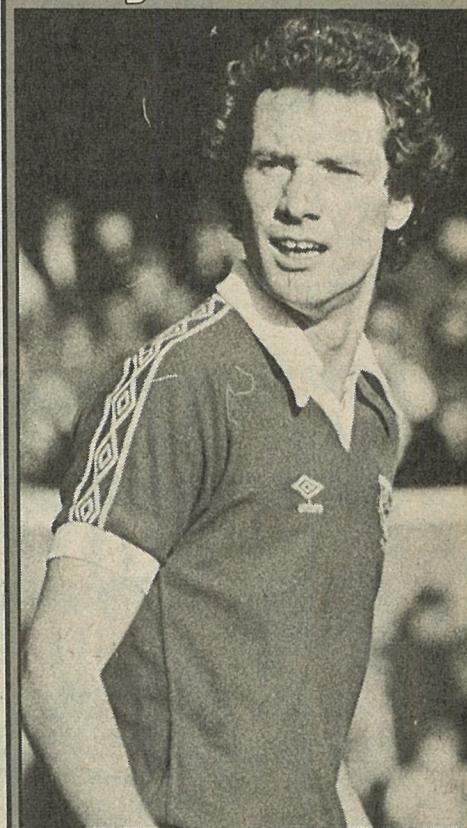
"We missed a lot of chances against Forest in both games," said Kellock. "If we had taken them it might have produced another shock result. I think we showed we could play quite a bit."

Last year, in Kellock's first full season in Peterborough's current team, he scored 19 goals in 45 games.

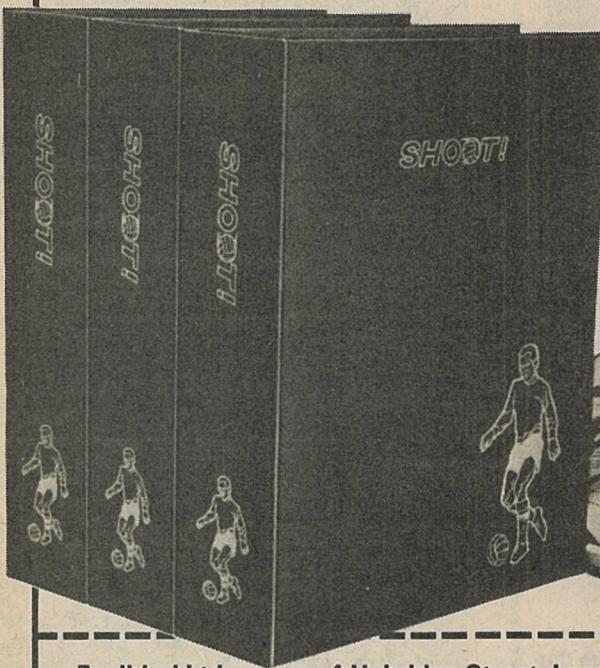
Peter Morris, the Peterborough manager, has assembled a strong side for the current campaign — one that Glasgow-born Kellock thinks deserves a wider audience.

"I hope we are able to get some TV coverage in our region. Then we can really show people how good we are and boost our crowds."

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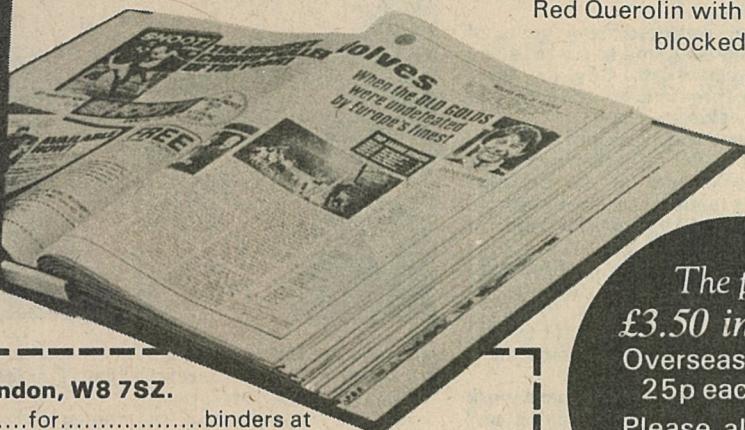
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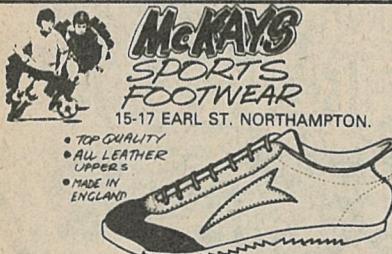
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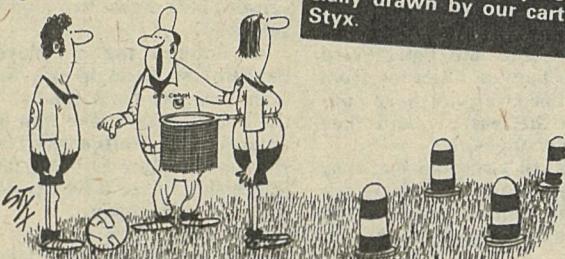
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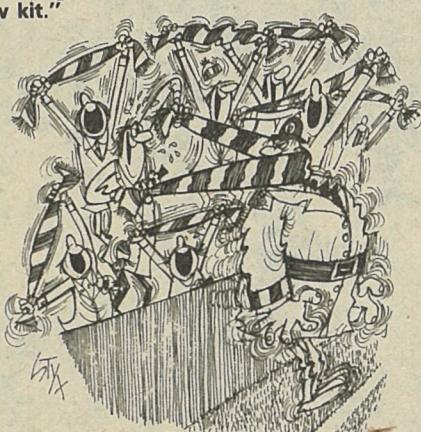
"Right then, while Johnson dodges in and out of the posts I want you to chip the ball into the net."



"D'you know something — I'm getting to like this shiny material they're using for our new kit."



"You're right, boss — the sub's back is a darned sight softer than that old bench."



"Oh dear!"

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PARTICK THISTLE manager Bertie Auld has all the mannerisms of a latter-day James Cagney as he wheels his way through soccer.

He is rarely seen these days without a cigar the size of a rolled umbrella clenched firmly between his teeth. He has a liking for black shirts and bright, garish ties. He boasts a couple of pin-striped suits in his wardrobe.

It would hardly surprise anyone if he turned up at Firhill with a violin case one of these days! And there would be no prizes for guessing Bertie Auld's targets.

He has built up a Premier Division team on a shoestring, but this season he has seen the Freedom of Contract just about wipe out all his good and careful planning.

Colin McAdam went to Rangers and a Tribunal had to sit for the first time in history to settle the



made his debut for them in their 1-0 triumph over Kilmarnock at Rugby Park ... United's first League success in ten games.

Auld can only look on and admire the 24-year-old he introduced to Scottish soccer and shaped into a cultured, classy midfield player.

The pressure on Auld has been unrelenting, with part-time Thistle always facing an uphill struggle just to stay alive in the Top Ten, but he deserves great praise in keeping going and continuing to get good results for his side.

Auld, though, is adamant that Thistle will not become a nursery for bigger clubs to come along and snap up their top players when their contracts expire.

"Something will have to be done," says Auld.

If Auld's words fall on deaf and uncaring ears, Partick Thistle could soon go the way of that other once-proud Glasgow club Third Lanark and shut up shop. That must not be allowed to happen to one of Scotland's finest clubs.

Agreed

The next player to leave through the Freedom of Contract gateway was Jim Melrose who moved South to Leicester City. It looked as though that, too, would have to go to a Tribunal, but the teams, in the end, agreed on a fee of over £200,000.

Now Auld has lost a third player — Ian Gibson to Dundee United — and the latest move has angered the Thistle supremo.

"There's got to be something wrong when the first time I know one of my players has been transferred is when I read it in the newspapers," fumes Bertie.

He adds strongly: "There are things happening in football just now that make me sick. At the beginning of the season Dundee United manager Jim McLean told me that he would not get involved with the Freedom of Contract business without first coming to terms with the club involved.

"He has certainly gone back on his words . . ."

Tannadice boss Jim McLean says: "I have no intention of getting involved in a public slanging match with Bertie Auld. I have been unable to get Partick Thistle to name a price for the player. The next move is up to them."

Gibson officially became a Dundee United player recently and



Jim Melrose, signed by Leicester from Partick at the beginning of the season.

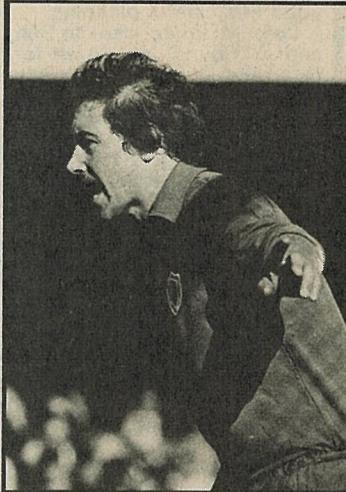
Mark Wallington answers back

WRITING in his *SHOOT* column recently, Peter Shilton expressed doubts over the wisdom of Leicester boss, Jock Wallace, handing the captaincy of his young side to his goalkeeper, Mark Wallington. Shilton's argument was that any 'keeper, no matter who he is, already has enough to do without taking on the added responsibility of captaincy. But, believing there are two sides to every story, *SHOOT* asked Mark Wallington for his own view of the appointment.

LIKE everyone else in the game, I have tremendous admiration for Peter, and his standing as one of the world's top 'keepers. He was here at Leicester when I first arrived from Walsall and he gave me plenty of advice and encouragement, for which I shall always be extremely grateful.

But while I still have a great respect for his knowledge of the game, it doesn't necessarily follow that I agree with everything he says. And I certainly feel he's got it wrong about my appointment as captain at Filbert Street.

Of course, a goalkeeper does have a lot of responsibility as the vital last line of defence for his side. But contrary to Peter's belief, I see it as a natural extension for me to enlarge upon that



'BEING SKIPPER IS GOOD FOR ME'

responsibility, by taking over the role of skipper.

I know a lot of modern-day captains are midfield players, who are constantly involved in the play, and because of that, they're looked upon as being good skippers.

But as a 'keeper, I feel I have an added advantage over them, because while they're involved in the thick of the action, they can't always see what is going on around them. While I might not be physically involved in the play for the full 90 minutes, I am involved mentally, and everything that takes place on the field, does so in front of me, so surely I'm in the ideal position to spot it.

Peter's other main objection was he feels it's vital for a skipper to be in contact with the whole of his side throughout the game.

Well, like Peter himself, I've always been the type of 'keeper to make myself heard on the field. Bossing my own area, and telling my defence exactly what I want them to do. And now, if I want to get a message through to my forward players, that's no problem either. All it takes is a couple of seconds for someone to pass the word on.

Besides, communication on the park is, I believe, one of our strongest points.

The whole team is constantly helping and lifting each other. In

fact, in that respect, you could say we've got 11 captains out there.

As Peter suggested, because we're such a young side, when Eddie Kelly left, I wasn't at all surprised that Mr Wallace approached me to take over the role of captain.

As skipper of Leicester City, I see myself as an ambassador for the whole club. Visiting schools and youth clubs, and attending countless functions to promote good relations with the local community. And in this day and age, with dwindling attendances, every club needs to get out and do what it can to win back the fans.

Then there's the time I spend with our young apprentices at the club, liaising with our youth office over opportunities for further education, as well as helping the young lads sort out any problems they might have.

Yes, being skipper is a *full time* occupation. You ask my wife.

But on the evidence so far, and you've got to remember I'm still only a novice at it, I feel I'm actually playing *better* than ever before *because* of all of the responsibilities.

So far we've had a patchy start. A mixture of some very good results, and some not so good. But we're all confident of achieving a final mid-table position at least, if not better.

'ANFIELD DOESN'T WORRY ME'

WE have our first meeting of the season with Liverpool this Saturday (November 8) and I'm certain there will be as much rivalry between us at Anfield as there has been over the last three years.

There is nothing new about Forest-Liverpool games — Saturday's contest is sure to be as competitive and unyielding as every other meeting between us — but there could be one or two new faces on view in both sides.

The arrival of Ian Wallace, Raimondo Ponte and Peter Ward makes our line-up different from the ones that Liverpool have confronted in the past . . . and they have made changes, too.

It's typical of Liverpool that they seem to have made the odd switch in their team without any fuss and hardly anyone has noticed the difference.

But after knocking on the first team door at Anfield for a long time, it appears that Sammy Lee has won a place for himself following a long

Sammy Lee, who has finally won his place in the Liverpool team.

apprenticeship in the Liverpool reserves.

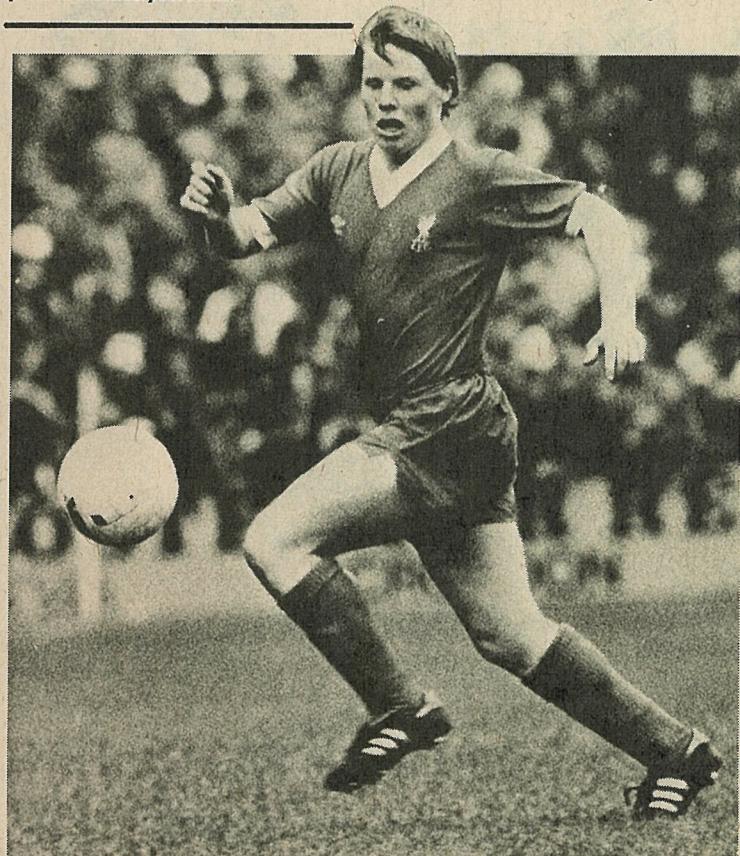
The beauty of that situation, however, is that Liverpool reserves play the same way as the first team — I think they have almost been as successful at their level — so Lee's introduction has gone fairly smoothly.

On the occasions I've seen him in the past, he's always looked a busy little player with a fair amount of skill and from what I've heard this season, he's more than justified his selection.

Avi Cohen is the only player who has broken through into the first team and with his natural ability on the ball, it didn't take him long to emerge as a favourite with The Kop. He was injured recently, so it will be interesting to see if he can displace Alan Kennedy again.

But while playing in front of a packed house at Anfield is obviously a boost for Liverpool, it's something I don't mind one bit.

I've always enjoyed playing there. The atmosphere is something special and although you know you are always in for a battle, it doesn't prevent you from enjoying it.





KEEP UP WITH SHILTON

I'M delighted to see our city neighbours Notts County right up among the Second Division leaders.

It was a big talking point when they hit the top after an excellent 2-0 away win over Orient, and I just hope they can keep the momentum

'GOOD ON YER COUNTY'

going.

Ever since I arrived in Nottingham, County always seemed to have looked a likely promotion side but then gone through a bad spell that has lasted too long for their own good.

But if they can overcome that problem, I see no reason why they should not be playing us in the First Division next season.

I've never been along to Meadow Lane to see them in action — we play too many games ourselves to get the opportunity — but it seems they have got a lot of experience and skill in vital areas of the field.

That's particularly the case in midfield, where Don Masson has always been a key figure. But now that Eddie Kelly has joined him there,

County have an extra helping of the qualities I'm talking about.

And if you are seeking to maintain your interest in promotion issues, experience is a crucial factor. There will come a time when the odd thing goes against them. That is when they will turn to the likes of Masson and Kelly for assurance and guidance.

From what I hear, too, the goalkeeper Raddy Avramovic, who they bought from Yugoslavia, is making quite an impression and more than playing his part in the club's success.

All I can say is long may it continue because it's got to be healthy for Nottingham football as a whole if Forest and County are meeting in the First Division. And it must be a long time since that happened!

After all, County are the oldest football club in the world. Tradition demands that this once-great club make a return to the First Division, in which played such a vital early role.

Manager Jimmy Sirrel has done a marvellous job at Meadow Lane, and it is nice to see this most underrated of bosses at last getting some of the credit his efforts deserve. He has worked tirelessly to get the team on the right lines, and the excitement of a promotion battle would be great for the city.

Don Masson's experience and know-how has played a crucial role in Notts County's challenge at the top of Division Two.

JOINING us at Nottingham Forest is just the kind of boost Peter Ward's career has needed.

I've played against him several times and there is no doubt he has a lot of ability, but he seemed to lose his way a little bit at Brighton.

Perhaps he never quite scored the number of goals he should have for a player of his ability, but he's got a chance to put that right now.

There is no doubt he has the ability to put the ball in the back of the net — but his game does not start and end there.

When I've played against him, his greatest strength is the way he can turn defenders and leave them for dead. And when he does that near

the goal, the worrying thing for goalkeepers is that it often changes the angle.

When we played at Brighton just before Peter joined us, he kept popping up in dangerous positions near goal and doing just what I said. But I managed to make a couple of saves and when I wasn't on hand, David Needham was there to head away from one of his shots.

Peter has got a lot of pace, too, and that's a quality you can't have too much of in a side. That applies to us particularly when you consider we have lost Tony Woodcock to Cologne and have been without Trevor Francis for so long.

A lot of people have commented



on the fact that Peter and Ian Wallace don't represent the biggest pair of strikers around, but it's not always an advantage to have a big man up front.

If you have a striker who specialises in heading you tend to sling balls into the box for him to go to work on, but with two smaller men like Peter and Ian it's going to be necessary for us to play the ball accurately on the floor.

That's always been one of our strengths with people like John Robertson around and I see no reason at all why the Wallace-Ward partnership should not do well.

And with Trevor Francis ready to make his return to the Forest line-

up pretty soon, we are all hoping for a real rush of goals in the near future.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Ipswich's first-class second team

ALLAN Hunter, Steve McCall, Kevin Beattie and Kevin O'Calaghan are unlikely to win a regular place in Ipswich Town's Championship-chasing line-up this season.

But their attitude as fringe first team players illustrates the strong sense of comradeship and loyalty manager Bobby Robson has built at his East Anglian club.

None of them go knocking on Robson's door when they are left out of the team, although each player could command a place in most other First Division sides.

And it is this spirit in the camp which is helping the club's drive to their first Championship victory since 1962.

The club narrowly failed to win the League five years ago and



Allan Hunter (above) and Kevin Beattie (right) have remained key members of the Ipswich squad despite an absence from the First Division scene in recent months.



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again in 1977. Most of their officials are convinced that they failed to stay the course in those two seasons because of a shortage of talent in depth.

"The one thing we lacked was the greater strength of a pool system," says Robson. "We were maybe one or two players short on class to clinch it.

"Today we are better equipped. You need a type of player like Allan Hunter. He doesn't mind if he is not in the first team. Allan has been with the club so long he does not want to leave. He has been a good and loyal servant and if he is not in the first team is not going to knock on my office demanding a transfer.

"Such players are a rarity, they are special people. As it happens, Hunter came into the side towards the end of last season when we needed a player of his quality, and he was great, even though he had

been in the reserves for six months.

"The trouble is that there is a limit on the number of such players you can carry.

"Somehow Liverpool can keep Heighway, Fairclough and the rest. And they have bought Money from Fulham and Rush from Chester for big money. Yet these players will have to play in the reserves."

The Ipswich supporters are rewarding Hunter by contributing heavily to his well deserved testimonial. The popular Portman Road centre-half is celebrating ten years at the club. No player could be more deserving of such a reward.

When Kevin Beattie won the first of nine England caps in that memorable defeat of Cyprus at Wembley in April, 1975 — Malcolm Macdonald scored all five goals — few would have bet money on his relegation to Ipswich's subs bench

by the time the 1980-81 season arrived.

However, serious knee injuries have taken their toll on one of England's most powerful defenders, and only this season has Beattie suggested he might conquer the crippling pain that has sidelined him for so long.

He, like Hunter, is happy to play his part in Ipswich's success. No one was more pleased than Big Kev when he thundered in the third goal in Ipswich's 3-0 UEFA Cup Second Round first-leg victory over Bohemians (Prague) on October 22.

He had sat on the bench for a full 80 minutes before Robson summoned him to replace limping

until the Robson era did they truly take-off as serious challengers to the traditional supremacy of Liverpool, Arsenal, Tottenham, and the big Manchester clubs.

They won the F.A. Cup in 1978 when a goal from Roger Osborne separated them and Arsenal at the end of a thrilling Final.

Their feats in European competition have been memorable too, although they have failed to win the silverware their performances have perhaps merited.

They have appeared in the UEFA Cup every winter since 1973-74, and their exploits this season suggest they could win a Euro trophy in the near future.

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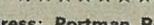
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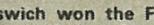


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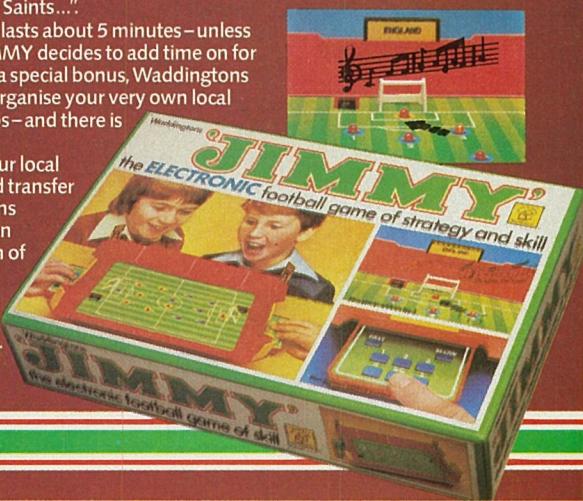
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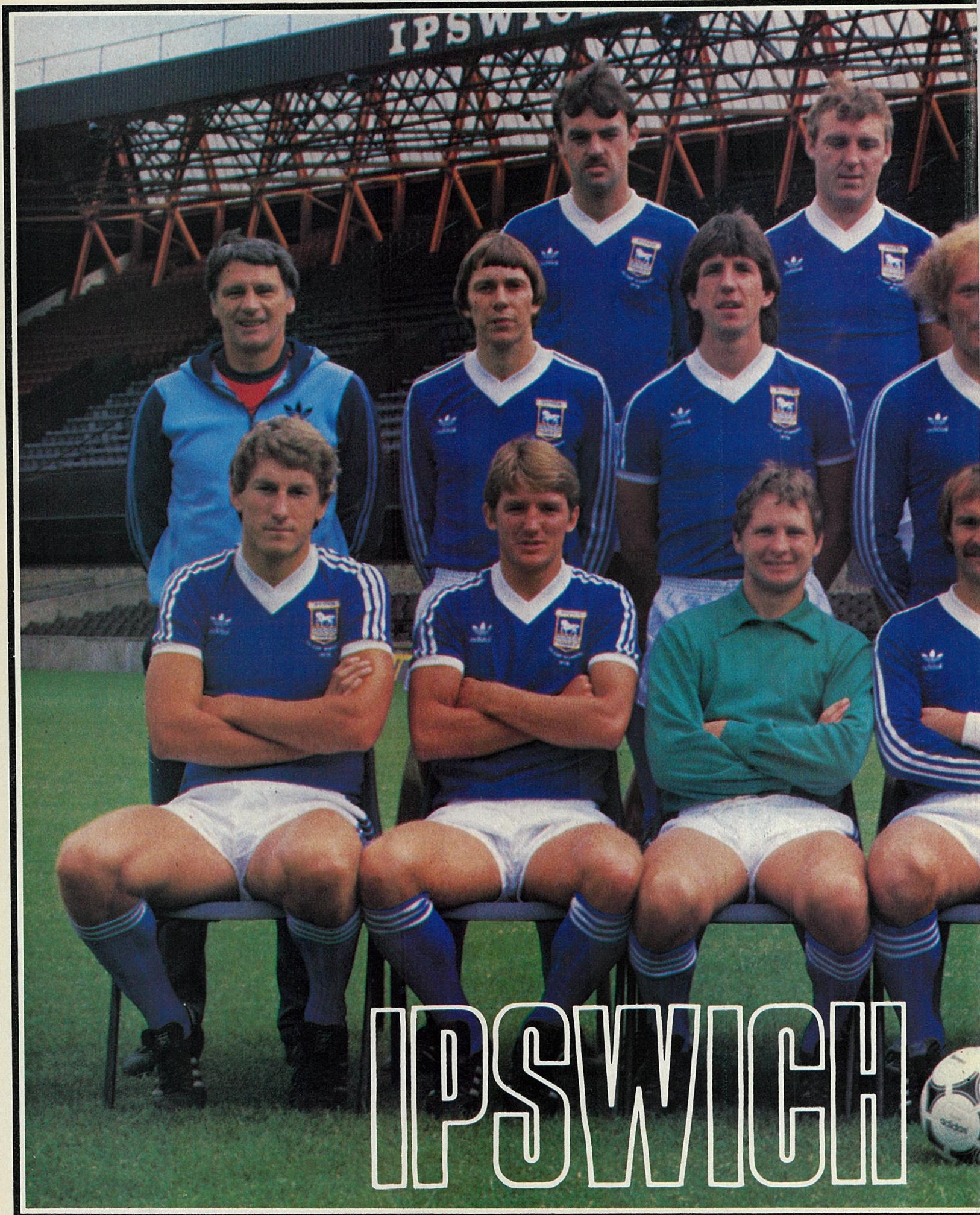
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A TALE OF ONE CITY

WHEN the Scottish League set-up was changed and the Premier Division was introduced five years ago, one of the most powerful voices backing the introduction of the Top Ten was that of Hibs' millionaire chairman Tom Hart.

Now the Easter Road club are in the First Division while their Edinburgh rivals Hearts look down on them from a place in the elite Division. It is not easy to take for the Hibs' fans, so used over the past years to jeering the long suffering supporters of Hearts.

Nor is it easy for Tom Hart as he sees the League he helped establish continue to flourish while his own side fight to get back among the best teams.

The contrast is sharpened because of the rivalry between the two clubs and because Willie Ormond, sacked by Hearts last season, is now boss of Hibs.

Meanwhile, Hearts struggle for survival and their boss Bobby Moncur insists: "It will be a long battle to get the team right, a fight to stay in the Top Ten and then to establish our position there. But we have to do it . . ."

Former Rangers and Celtic star



Alfie Conn of Hearts

Alfie Conn, who now plays with the Tynecastle team, admits: "We are having problems at home and are picking up better results away from Tynecastle. Sometimes we seem to freeze at home, and it can happen that way — I remember one spell at Ibrox when we were frightened to attempt things in front of our own fans. But we have to try to get over that."

As Hearts try to overcome their problems, millionaire Hibs' boss Hart knows that the club will

spend £200,000 bidding to get promotion this season. But he refuses to lower his standards — or those of the club.

He maintains: "The Top Ten was the salvation of Scottish football and we still support it. Not only that, but we still insist on first class hotels and travel for the players and they earn the same money as before. The bonus system is the same as it was in the Premier Division, too.

"It costs us money, but it is worth it in the long run. We cannot afford to lower our standards because we intend to stay a top class team in this country. Our home gates have stayed up well and we are taking a big travelling support — but, even then, it will cost us money because there are times when we shall get only the bare guarantee from smaller teams.

"That's just £500, and it is not worthwhile for us. That's why this season will cost us around £200,000. The only thing which can help us is a good run later on in the Scottish Cup. That can bring us money — and we need that."

But while the fortunes of the two Edinburgh rivals see-saw almost continually, Hart's intentions are clear. His team may be out of the Top Ten just now but he means them to remain as the number one team in Scotland's capital. No matter what it may cost him.

by Ken Gallacher



George Stewart (right) beats Hearts' keeper John Brough in the Scottish Cup Fifth Round last year. Hibs won that tie 2-1, but now the situation has been reversed, with the Tynecastle team enjoying a spell in the Premier Division and Hibs looking to gain promotion from the First.

This week's Star Letter comes from Stephen Scanlon of Huyton, Merseyside, who wins our Special prize of £10. He writes:

F.A. PLAN WILL MISFIRE

★ IF the residents of Greater London are relieved that the F.A. has banned Scotland's Tartan Army from next year's British Championship match then I am afraid that they are being totally misled.

I fear that the F.A.'s decision will have even more repercussions than beforehand when the mindless thugs who disguised themselves as Scottish supporters ran riot through the streets of London.

The refusal to send the usual allocation of 29,000 tickets for distribution in Scotland isn't the answer to the problem. Indeed it will only worsen it, and the ticket touts must already be planning on how to cash in.

The patriotic Scots won't miss this match for anything in the world. They may not be there in the mass numbers of before, but they will be there all right.

And they, for the most part, will be the very people who tore London apart last time. Getting tickets won't be much of a problem and that's where the touts come in.

They will almost certainly take advantage of the Scottish fanaticism and do a roaring trade on the black market, asking outrageous prices which most Scots will find hard to refuse.

● Sadly, I agree with you. I fear the worst. While the fixture certainly shouldn't be scrapped or played behind closed doors, the ticket allocation should be more controlled. So many go through the clubs and inevitably they'll find their way into the wrong hands.

Punish refs

SHOOT view commends the football powers-that-be for their harsh punishments on West Ham and Sheffield Wednesday — all of which penalised genuine fans and robbed the respective clubs of much-needed revenue and left the hooligans laughing at the way they had caused the innocent to suffer.

You also commended the ferociously severe ban placed on that elegant little player Vince Hilaire for reacting on the spur of the moment against a referee who had refused to penalise a painful foul that he had just suffered.

If the game is going to be cleaned up, referees as well as players and fans must be disciplined.

Their flagrantly bad decisions (even in

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Father and son

Have a father and son ever played together in the same Football League game?

PAUL JACOBS,
OXFORD

● They have, Paul — though, because of the obvious age-gap, it's been a rare

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one recent instance refusing to allow one of the goals of the season according to T.V. evidence) and general pomposity are inflammatory and underline the fact that a highly professional game is no place for bungling amateurs.

VALERIE J. HECKSCHER,
WOLVERHAMPTON.

● The innocent always have to suffer, but you can't let crowd riots or attacks on referees go unpunished. Referees ARE disciplined. If their marks from the assessors fall below a certain level they're taken off the League list. Refs will always make mistakes, like players, which proves they're only human after all.

Two symbols

I HAVE noticed in SHOOT the symbol for the World Cup — Espana '82.

I have a pen friend in Czechoslovakia and he has just sent me the 1982 banner, but it's nothing like the one in SHOOT; in fact, it looks like an orange with a face, arms and legs with football gear on, holding a football.

I don't know if each country has its own symbol. Perhaps you might be able to shed some light on this for me.

S. CHUTER,
DAGENHAM.

● One is the emblem, the other — Naranjito (little orange) — is the mascot. Most of the World Cup souvenirs will carry Naranjito (below, right), but this has been severely criticised in Spain. Most people prefer the emblem (below).



ESPAÑA 82

occurrence.

In fact, the only instance I can find in comparatively recent years was that of Alex and David Herd, who played together in the Stockport attack in a Third Division (North) game against Hartlepool on 5th May, 1951.

Alex had played for Scotland in wartime internationals, and son David — then just 17 — later went on to gain five full Scottish caps, and play for Arsenal and Manchester United.

North Korea

Can you tell me all the strange-sounding names of the North Korea team which sensationally beat mighty Italy 1-0 in the 1966 World Cup Finals in England?

MICHAEL CONNOR,
DARWEN

● Wait for it, Michael, it was — Li Chan Myung; Lim Zoong Sun, Shin Yung, Kyoo; Ha Jung Won, O Yoon Kyung, Im Seung Hwi; Han Bong Jin, Pak Doo Ik (who scored the vital goal), Pak Seung Zin, Kim Bong Hwan, and Yan Sung Kook.

Perhaps fortunately for the ref he didn't have to book any of 'em!

Bad move, United

I HAVE been a Manchester United supporter for nine years, and never have I been as incensed about the club's actions until now.

United have bought Garry Birtles for around £1.4m and sold Andy Ritchie for only £500,000. For £1.4m Birtles should be world-class, but he is not; he is stereotyped, not a prolific goalscorer nor a good player.

Ritchie is 19-years-old, a brilliant natural goalscorer, and one of the most exciting players to watch.

Sexton is building a rather boring United side by buying Birtles and selling Ritchie.

Last season Ritchie and Jordan were developing a lethal partnership. Now it is not going to be given a chance, which is a tragedy.

WILLIAM HUNTER,
OLDMIXON.

● Many United fans have written to us on a similar theme. On the face of it, Forest seem to have done good business buying Peter Ward for £400,000 and selling Garry Birtles for three times that sum. Time will tell.

Pen Pal

I'M a 14-year-old girl and I'd like to write to someone who supports Ipswich Town.

SHELAGH WEST,
28 BEACH STREET,
WAIKAKAUI, OTAGO,
NEW ZEALAND.



SHORT PASSES

● Bobby Charlton scored 198 goals in his 606 League games for Manchester United; both are records for the club.

(IGNATIUS CHENG, Hong Kong)

● Arsenal have played in 11 F.A. Cup Finals, and won five of them; they have been League Champions eight times, and runners-up in another three seasons.

(LODEWYK ALBADA, Holland)

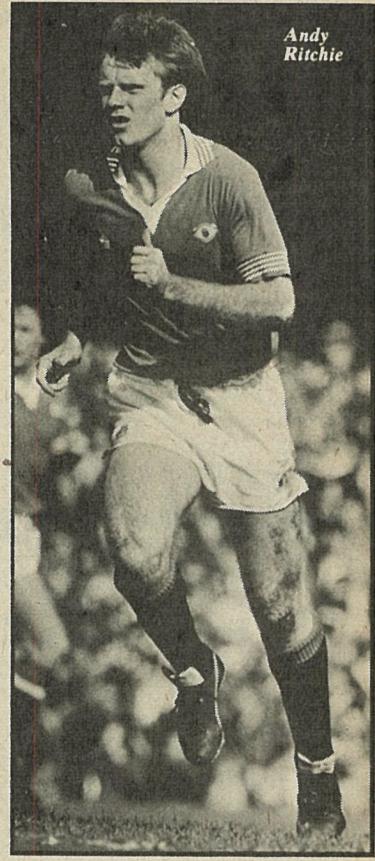
● Bristol City have played in only one F.A. Cup Final — beaten 1-0 by Manchester United in 1909.

(MARK ALLEN, Somerset)

● Grimsby's highest-ever finishing position in the League was fifth in the First Division in 1934-35; they reached the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals in 1936 and 1939.

(GARY OWEN,
United Arab Emirates)

Andy
Ritchie



Not enough ball-work

I FEEL that from Schoolboy, Youth, Under 21's and at full international level, English players produce more brawn than skill.

That's not meant to be unkind — it's a fact. The South Americans — Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, etc., are much more skilful.

Even the Dutch, Italians and West Germans have more ability with the ball. Bringing the ball under control from the chest; body swerves; striking the ball well, dribbling, passing, etc., these nations show all these ingredients.

We show it spasmodically — and why? Because we simply don't learn the basics and don't do enough work with the ball.

JOHN MCNEILL,
JARROW.

● You have a point, but it hasn't stopped English clubs doing exceptionally well in Europe over the years.

Hands off!

I HAVE watched soccer on many grounds and am at a loss to understand why football fans everywhere sing "You'll Never Walk Alone".

Must fans copy everything that the Anfield Kopites do? This has been their song since 1963. There have been thousands of songs written through the years, so can't someone come up with something different?

SIMON BARTON,
STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN.

● Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery . . .

Pen Pal

I COLLECT lapel badges of football clubs from different parts of the world. I would like to exchange badges with other fans.

JORGE MARTINEZ RAMSEYER,
GRANADEROS 8007,
2,000 ROSARIO,
ARGENTINA.

LINE-UPS... RESULTS... SCORERS...

Monday, October 6

Fourth Division

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Allen)	1,925
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Lumby)	
PORT VALE (0) 3 (Beech, Griffiths pen, Hayes (o.g.))	
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Wilson)	2,091
STOCKPORT (2) 3 (Galvin, Sunley, Williams)	
PETERBOROUGH (4) 4 (Kellock, Sword (o.g.), Winters, Cooke)	1,794

Tuesday, October 7

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (2) 3 (Lynex, Worthington, Dillon)	
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Sunderland)	16,511
Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Lynex, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.	
Arsenal: Wood, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Young, Hollins, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gatting, Rix.	
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ward)	
EVERTON (0) 3 (McMahon, Lyons, McBride)	16,523
Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrence, Stevens (McHale), Ward, Robinson, Smith, McNab.	
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, Stanley, McMahon, Eastoe (O'Keefe), Latchford, Hartford, McBride.	
LIVERPOOL (1) 4 (McDermott 2 (1 pen), Kennedy (R), Dalglish)	
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Johnston, Janikovic)	28,204
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Thompson, Kennedy (R) (Case), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.	

Second Division

BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 (Ritchie pen, Mabbutt)	
LUTON (1) 1 (Saxby)	7,014
Bristol City: Cashley, Sweeney, Hay, Gow, Whitehead, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Tainton, Mabbutt, Ritchie, Smith, Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Greash, Saxby, Price, Hill, Stein, Harrow, West, Moss.	
PRESTON (0) 2 (Coleman, Bruce)	
NEWCASTLE (2) 3 (Rafferty, Shinton 2)	5,301
Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Doyle, Coleman, Elliott, Bruce, Houston (McGee).	
Newcastle: Carr, Kelly, Davies, Walker, Boam, Mitchell, Shoulder, Martin, Shinton, Rafferty, Hibbert.	



Kevin Mabbutt (Bristol City)

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Smith)

WREXHAM (0) 0

Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Gibbins, Stringer, Spriggs, Reilly, Finney, Christie.

Wrexham: Davies, Sutton, Jones, Cegielski, Carroddus, Vinter (Hill), Fox, Edwards, McNeil, Cartwright.

NOTTS COUNTY 0

GRIMSBY 0

Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks.

Grimsby: Batch, Czuczman, Crosby, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Ford, Kilmore (Broly), Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

PRESTON (0) 2 (Coleman, Bruce)

NEWCASTLE (2) 3 (Rafferty, Shinton 2)

Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Doyle, Coleman, Elliott, Bruce, Houston (McGee).

Newcastle: Carr, Kelly, Davies, Walker, Boam, Mitchell, Shoulder, Martin, Shinton, Rafferty, Hibbert.

QPR 0

ORIENT 0

QPR: Woods, Shanks, Gillard, Waddock, Wicks, Roeder, King, Langley, Neal, Currie, McCreery.

Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chedzio, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Margerrison.

SHEFFIELD WED (2) 2 (Hornsby, Curran)

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Stonehouse)

Sheff. Wed: Cox, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering (Mellor), Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, King, McCulloch, Curran.

Blackburn: Butcher, Branagan, DeVries (Round), Coughlin, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Stonehouse, Garner, Comstive, Parkes.

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Turner)

BOLTON (0) 2 (Carter, Kidd)

Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Larkin, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Edwards, Dungworth, Petts (Cross).

Bolton: Poole, Nicholson, Burke, Cantello, Jones, Walsh, Wilson, Carter, Gowling, Kidd, Nikolic (Graham).

SWANSEA (2) 3 (Giles 2, Waddle)

8,624

Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadzibabic, Mahoney, Stevenson, Phillips, Giles, Waddle, James (L), Charles, Robinson.

Oldham: McDonnell, Sinclair, Blair, Kowenicki (Steel), Clements, Hurst, Wyld, Futch, Stainrod, Keegan, Atkinson.

WATFORD (1) 1 (Poskett)

11,703

DERBY (0) 1 (Osgood)

20,402

Watford: Steele, Henderson, Harrison, Blissett, Sims, Jackett, Callaghan (Pritchett), Poskett, Jenkins, Train, Rostro.

Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Powell (S), McFarland, Osgood, Ramage (Clark), Powell (B), Biley, Swindhurst, Emson.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Neighbour)

2,042

CARDIFF (0) 0

2,042

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Holland, Morgan, Cross, Neighbour, Pike.

Cardiff: Grotier, Grapes, Thomas (R), Hughes, Pontin, Roberts (D), Micaleff, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.

Third Division

BURNLEY (2) 3 (Taylor 2, Hamilton)

7,305

SHEFFIELD UTD (1) 2 (Trusson, Jones)

7,305

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Bannon, Cooper (o.g.))

2,828

BARNESLEY (1) 2 (Lester, Riley)

2,828

CHARLTON (2) 2 (Walker, Walsh)

3,359

WALSALL (0) 0

3,359

CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 (Birch 2 (1 pen))

10,638

ROTHERHAM (0) 0

2,702

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Lee)

2,702

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0

4,066

GILLINGHAM 0

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SWINDON 0

3,363

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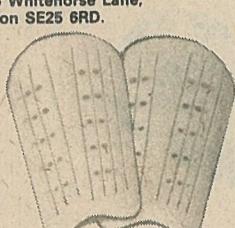
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NEWPORT 0	
READING 0	5,545
PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Sims, Bason)	
FULHAM (1) 1 (Beck)	11,547

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT 0	
BOURNEMOUTH 0	3,780
BURY (1) 1 (Johnson)	
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Denyer, Waldock)	1,779
CREWE (1) 5 (Coyne 4, Hunter)	
HEREFORD (0) 0	3,033
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (McLean, Walsh)	
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell)	2,158
HALIFAX (1) 3 (Nattress, Hendrie, O'Neill)	
YORK (0) 1 (Smith)	1,088
SCUNTHORPE (0) 3 (Ashworth 2, Crammack)	
HARTELEPOOL (2) 3 (Newton 2, Houchen)	2,900
WIMBLEDON (0) 0	
SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Spence)	2,117

Wednesday, October 8

Football League Cup

(Third Round replay)

NORWICH (0) 1 (Powell)	
IPSWICH (1) 3 (Mariner 2, Muhren)	24,523
Norwich: Hansbury, Bond, Hoadley, Barham, Jack (Symonds), Powell, Woods, Goble, Fashanu, Muzinic, Padden.	
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.	

First Division

LEEDS (0) 1 (Harris)	
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0	19,134
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Curtis, Parlane (Hamson), Sabella, Graham.	
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, Reid, Booth, Caton, Henry, Power, Daley, Mackenzie, Palmer (Deyna), Reeves.	

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Wilson)	
STOKE (1) 1 (Chapman)	14,549
Leicester: Wellington, Williams, Gibson, Goodwin, May, Scott, Lineker, Henderson, Bucanan (Young), Smith, Wilson.	
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Hampton, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Heath, Ursem (Thorley), Chapman, Richardson, Bracewell.	

MANCHESTER UTD (2) 3 (McIlroy 2 (1 pen), Coppel)	
ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Withe, Cowans (pen), Shaw)	38,831
Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Aliston, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Moran, Duxbury, Coppel, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.	
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Deacy, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.	



Gary Rowell (Sunderland)

SUNDERLAND (2) 2 (Rowell, Brown)	
NOTTM. FOREST (0) 2 (Mills, Bowyer)	30,575
Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Allardyce, Elliott, Chisholm, Arnott, Rowell, Robson, Brown, Cummins.	
Notm. Forest: Shilton, Gunn, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill, Bowyer, Mills, Wallace, Robertson.	

WBA (0) 1 (Barnes)	
COVENTRY (0) 0	16,377
WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses (Trevick), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown, Monaghan, Owen, Barnes.	
Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Blair (Jacobs), Dyson, Gillespie, Hutchison, Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt.	

Second Division

CHELSEA (0) 2 (Lee (og), Walker)	
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0	13,108
Chelsea: Borota, Wilkins, Rofe, Bumstead, Pates, Chivers, Britton (Driver), Fillery, Lee, Walker, Rhoades-Brown.	
Bristol Rovers: Thomas, Gillies, Cooper, Mabbett, McCaffery, Hughes, Barrett, Williams, Lee, Penny, Barrowclough.	

Third Division

CHESTER (2) 4 (Phillips 2, Ludiam, Howat)	
HULL (0) 1 (Edwards)	1,964
EXETER 0	
BRENTFORD 0	4,665
OXFORD (0) 0	
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Robins, Cowling)	3,373

Fourth Division

LINCOLN (3) 3 (Neale, Hobson, Peake)	
ROCHDALE (0) 0	3,528
WIGAN (2) 3 (Quinn 3)	
DONCASTER (0) 0	3,608

Bell's Scottish League Cup

(Quarter-Final, first-leg)

AYR (1) 2 (Frye 2)	
HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (Wilson, MacLean)	4,717
CLYDEBANK (2) 2 (McGorm, Miller)	
DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Bannon)	1,600
DUNDEE 0	
ABERDEEN 0	10,300
PARTICK (0) 0	
CELTIC (0) 1 (Nicholas pen)	18,000

Friday, October 10

Fourth Division

STOCKPORT 0	
HEREFORD 0	2,303

Saturday, October 11

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Worthington pen)	
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Cowans pen, Evans)	33,879
Birmingham: Wealands, Langan, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Lynex, Worthington, Gemmill, Dillon.	
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Deacy, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.	
BRIGHTON (0) 0	
NOTTM. FOREST (1) 1 (Wallace)	17,420
Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Lawrenson, Stevens, Ward, Robinson, Smith, McNab.	
Notm. Forest: Shilton, Gunn, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Needham, O'Neill, Bowyer, Mills, Wallace, Robertson.	
LEEDS (0) 1 (Curtis)	
EVERTON (0) 0	25,601
Leeds: Lukic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Sabella, Graham, Curtis.	
Everton: McDonagh, Gidman, Wright, Lyons, Bailey, Stanley (O'Keefe), McMahon, Hartford, Eastoe, Latchford, McBride.	
LEICESTER (1) 1 (Lineker)	
COVENTRY (1) 3 (Dyson, Gooding, English)	17,104
Leicester: Wellington, Williams, Gibson, Goodwin, May, Scott, Lineker, Bucanan (Young), Henderson, Wilson, Smith.	
Coventry: Sealey, Coop, Roberts, Gooding, Dyson, Gillespie, Van Gool, Daly, Thompson, English, Hunt.	

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (McDermott pen)	
IPSWICH (1) 1 (Thijssen)	48,084
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Cohen, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Lee, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.	
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Butcher, Osman, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Gates, McCall.	

MANCHESTER UTD 0

ARSENAL 0	
Man. Utd: Bailey, Nicholl, Aliston, McIlroy, Jovanovic, Moran, Duxbury, Coppel, Jordan, Duxbury, Thomas.	
Arsenal: Wood, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, Walford, Hollins, Young, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gatting, Rix.	

NORWICH (0) 1 (Forbes)

WOLVES (1) 1 (Hibbitt)	12,993
Norwich: Hansbury, Nightingale, Downs (Mendham), Barham, Forbes, Bond, Muzinic, Fashanu, Royle, Pad-don, Goble.	
Wolves: Bradshaw, Humphrey, Brazier, Daniel, Hughes, Villasanz, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.	

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (George pen)

STOKE (0) 2 (Munro, Hampton)	19,473
Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, McCartney (Hebberd), Williams, Watson, Hebberd, Boyer, Channon, George, Holmes, Baker.	
Stoke: Fox, Evans, Dodd, Hampton, Doyle, O'Callaghan, Ursem, Richardson, Heath, Chapman, Munro.	

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Rowell)

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0	25,444
Sunderland: Turner, Whitworth, Bolton, Allardyce, Elliott, Chisholm, Arnott, Rowell, Robson, Brown, Cummins.	
Crystal Palace: Barron, Hinshelwood, Fenwick, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Flanagan, Francis, Allen, Walsh, Hilaire.	

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 1 (Hornsby, McCulloch)

CARDIFF (0) 0	15,396
Sheffield Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirtliff, Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, King, McCulloch, Curran.	
Cardiff: Groter, Grapes, Thomas, Campbell, Pontin, Roberts, Micaleff, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Bishop (Dwyer).	

SHEREWSBURY (1) 1 (Keay)

ORIENT (1) 2 (Chiedozie, Moores)	4,300
Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Cross, Dungworth, Petts.	
Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Parsons, Chiedozie, Moores, Mayo, Bowles, Margerrison.	

SWANSEA (1) 3 (James (L) 3 (1 pen))

DERBY (0) 1 (Osgood (pen))	13,323
Swansea: Stewart, Phillips, Attley, Stevenson, Hadzibabic, Charles, Mahoney, Robinson, Giles (James, R), James (L), Waddie.	
Derby: Jones, Emery, McFarland (Skivington), Osgood, Buckley, Clark, Powell (S), Powell (B), Hector, Swind-lehurst, Emson.	

WATFORD (0) 1 (Sims)

WREXHAM (0) 0	10,694
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BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Walker, Silkman pen)	3,030

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YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

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Leaving the pitch at the end of a match a player strikes a spectator. Should you (a) send the player off, or (b) report the incident to the appropriate authority?



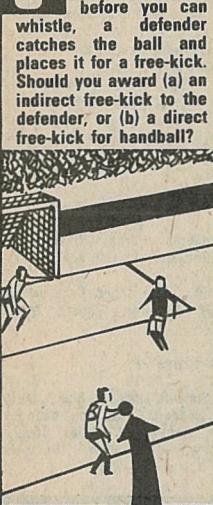
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The ball was the correct weight before the start of the match, but at half-time you find it is underweight. Should you (a) take no action, or (b) change the ball?



3

An attacker runs offside but before you can whistle, a defender catches the ball and places it for a free-kick. Should you award (a) an indirect free-kick to the defender, or (b) a direct free-kick for handball?



4

Can you show two yellow cards to the same player?



5

Four defenders form a "wall" in the penalty-area by joining hands at arms' length. When the ball is kicked it strikes a defender's arm. What action should you take?



ANSWERS

1. Report the incident to the appropriate authority (b).
2. Take no action (a).
3. A direct free-kick against the defending player (b).
4. No.
5. Award a penalty.

REAL REFUSE TO PAY FINE

ALL'S not well in Spanish football. The players are getting more and more militant in their demands; referees are being openly accused of cheating and lying; and the Disciplinary Committee is running into all sorts of problems in trying to enforce its decisions.

The latest cases to hit the headlines are Real Madrid's refusal to pay the £15,000 fine imposed on them for allegedly offering bonuses to other teams for beating rivals.

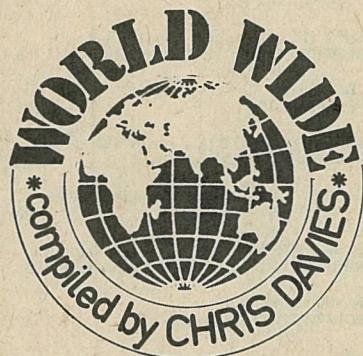
And Sevilla manager Miguel Muñoz, is openly accusing a referee of lying in his match report. Muñoz was shown the red card for coaching his team from the touchline, and the referee insisted in his report that the Sevilla boss had insulted him.

The authorities have dished out a six-match ban on Muñoz based on the referee's report, and the club are now considering taking libel proceedings against the ref!

THE French claim that their Stade Geoffroy-Guichard, the home of St. Etienne, has become known all over Europe, but according to club chairman Roger Rocher there is a good chance that it will be flattened and built on.

The St. Etienne Council owns the land the stadium stands on, and the Mayor has offered 12 acres to the firm Creusot-Loire to build a new factory.

They already have a foundry next door to the St. Etienne ground and as part of a deal, says M. Rocher, Creusot-Loire would put up most of the money for a new, bigger, super modern stadium for 'Les Verts'.



WALSH A WINNER IN PORTUGAL

THE latest British star to go European — Mickey Walsh — is doing very nicely, thank you, in Portugal with FC Porto.

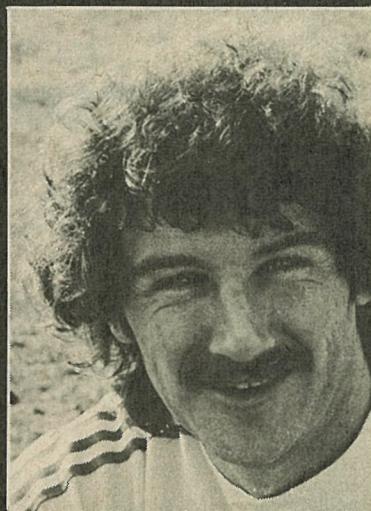
The club are second in the League behind Benfica and the Republic of Ireland star says: "I'd been thinking about a move to the Continent for some time.

"I signed for Porto because the representatives were honest, straight-talking people who showed me a first-class club. I wanted to be a Champion and Porto give me far more chance of this than Q.P.R. could.

"Of course, I've had a few problems, but not ON the field. It always takes time to adapt. I'm learning Portuguese, but the friendliness of my team-mates helps a lot. Several of them have asked me to dinner and some of them can't even speak English!

"In Portugal, teams tend to play more of a waiting game, with more short passes and more emphasis on individual skill.

"I was fortunate enough to score in my second game and the reaction to that was tremendous. I just hope I can help Porto to win this title."



Wise choice

WITH Ipswich on course for the Championship, Arnold Muhren will be interested to know that FC Bruges are having a bad time. Arnie almost joined the Belgian club earlier this year, but decided to stay on at Portman Road.

As I write, Bruges are in the bottom half of the League and were the first club to sack their manager this season: Han Grijzenhout was given the boot.

THE Dutch F.A. have decided to share what they receive from appearing in the Mini-World Cup in Uruguay, the *Copa de Oro*.

The Uruguayans have guaranteed them £150,000 and, because their clubs have no winter-break, they will be compensated for the loss of players on tour.

For each player chosen for the trip his club will receive £500. Bonuses for the players have also been agreed. Appearance money is £225 per man, per game and this will be hoisted to £375 for a draw and £500 for a win.

CHEVROLET HAPPY WITH HIS TOY

AS REPORTED Luiz Pereira, formerly of Atletico Madrid, is back in Brazil, playing for Flamengo, under the orders of Claudio Coutinho, the same coach who turned him down for the Brazilian team that played in the 1978 World Cup. It is now known that Coutinho did so by the promptings of goalkeeper Leão.

The son of a very poor family from the state of Bahia, Luiz Pereira suffered as a child from a malnutrition that gave him bow legs and pigeon toes.

Moving to São Paulo, he became known as Luiz Chevrolet, both because of his drive surging forward from the defence and the fact that he used to play for General Motors.

Even though he was very popular in Spain, Pereira fell foul of the strictures of Spanish football.

"They run too much," he says. "I like to run, but with the ball near my feet. The football is a toy and I didn't have toys as a child."

Brazil's special World Cup plan

BRAZIL are taking no chances regarding their 1982 World Cup qualifying ties. They have to play Bolivia and Venezuela home and away; and on the face of it, it's unthinkable that the three-times World Champions should have any worries.

The game that troubles them is the one in La Paz, the capital of Bolivia. The last time Brazil played there they were beaten, mainly because their players suffered from altitude sickness. They couldn't breathe properly and during the second-half their energy was sapped by the rarified air.

They even applied to FIFA to have ties at altitude banned, claiming the home side had an unfair advantage.

So Brazil have fixed the return

game against Bolivia for Manaus, which is situated in the middle of the Amazon region where the humidity in summer rarely falls below 90 per cent.

This is something the Bolivians will not have experienced, since the humidity in La Paz is low. The Brazilians reckon the conditions in Manaus will be as bad for the Bolivians as the altitude in La Paz will be for them.

It won't be the full national team that will play in Manaus, either. The Brazilian F.A. will select a special squad of players who are used to high humidity.

A Brazilian doctor commented: "The Bolivians will feel dreadful. A comparison is that a person feels much heavier when he comes out of a swimming pool if he has been in the water for some time."

March 29 . . . v Venezuela in Brazil, World Cup.
May 7 . . . v Belgium in Brussels.
May 12 . . . v England at Wembley.
May 15 . . . v France in Paris.
May 19 . . . v W. Germany in Stuttgart.
July . . . v Spain in Brazil, details undecided.

● Carlos Alberto after Brazil's 1970 World Cup victory . . . in the heat and altitude of Mexico City.

GOOD news for fans aiming to follow their team around Spain in the 1982 World Cup Finals. The Spanish railways have inaugurated a new service between the Semi-Final venues of Barcelona and Seville. The new train is faster than the current express by . . . wait for it . . . seven hours!

What I don't understand is how one train can take seven hours longer. What the dickens does the slow one do — go backwards?

WEST GERMAN referee Werner Hohmann created a furore at an Under-16 game at Menden. The local team were playing Tura Hennef when the referee sent-off 16-year-old Jorg Makulat of SV Menden because he was smoking!

Giving the decision an extra twist — he was only the substitute, sitting on the bench!

NEW HOLLAND BOOST

DURING the friendly between Holland and West Germany in Eindhoven (1-1) the Dutch gave debuts to three players, with a fourth newcomer coming on as substitute. Two players were also winning only their second caps.

Holland coach Jan Zwartkruis is building a new team and was naturally delighted with the result. He still plans to use Ruud Krol, now with Napoli, to lead his young side.

ERWIN van den Berg of SV Lierse will collect the Adidas Golden Shoe award in Paris on November 7th to mark his feat in being Europe's top marksman last season. The Belgian striker scored 39 goals. Nottingham Forest's performance in winning the European Cup for the second year running will also be honoured.



REFEREE SHOT AT BY F.A. OFFICIAL

IRAQ have been severely punished by FIFA after an amazing scene following an Olympic qualifying tie in Baghdad against Kuwait, which the visitors won 3-2.

The trouble began when Malaysian referee George Joseph awarded a penalty to Kuwait. At the end of the game Joseph was attacked by spectators who invaded the field of play and needed a police escort (with his linesmen) to the hotel.

At 9.30 that evening two men (one was later found to be a representative of the Iraq F.A.) entered the referee's room and accused him of being bribed by the Kuwait team. One man hit the official and a shot was fired, which thankfully missed the referee.

One of the intruders then bought a linesman from the dining room and a kangaroo court was held.

At 11pm, after the attackers had left, the president of the Iraq F.A. apologised to the ref for the incident, although the official was asked to see a video of the penalty decision to 'ascertain his error'.

While the referee was watching the play-back, the two attackers turned up again, but there was no more trouble. The officials flew home the next morning; not before the referee's wallet containing £250 had been stolen, though.

The ref agreed that in hindsight he was wrong to award a penalty. FIFA rightly say that the referee's decision is final.

They have suspended all grounds in Iraq for official games until July, 1982, amongst other sanctions.

SENSATION IN ARGENTINA

THE Argentine national team has been severely criticised after their recent 2-2 draw with Chile in Mendoza. The home team dominated the game from start to finish, and took a 2-0 lead in the first-half with goals from Valencia and Ramon Diaz.

But a minute before half-time Fillol was beaten by a free-kick taken by Vargas, and the Chileans hit a shock equaliser in the second-half when Castex brilliantly rounded-off a rapid breakaway.

Some interesting statistics from Argentina's Metropolitan Championship.

Of the 342 matches played, 145 were home wins (42%); 136 were draws (40%); and 61 were away (18%).

The most commonly occurring result were the 56 1-1 draws; 36 per cent more goals were scored in the second-half than in the first; 35 of the 129 penalties didn't result in goals, and Independiente take the biscuit with six failures in 11 attempts.

But the most sensational figure is that of sendings-off — 159 in 342 matches: 59 of these belonged to home teams and the other 100 to visiting teams.

REFEREES in Colombia have threatened to take strike action if the authorities persist in importing foreign officials to handle League matches.

BATTLE IN URUGUAY

SOUTH American Champions Nacional of Montevideo have barely been out of the news since they beat the Brazilians Internacionais for the title.

They're now engaged in a bitter battle with the Uruguayan authorities after refusing to release seven of their players for training camps with the national team.

Nacional allege that this would cost them a great deal of money, as they would have to cancel a programme of friendly games — and as South American Champions they can now command a fee of £20,000 per match.

News flashes

● Spanish airline Iberia and the Spanish rail network RENFE have paid the 1982 World Cup Committee £150,000 for the privilege of using the World Cup symbol on their planes and trains.

● Kuwait became the first Arab country to win the Asian Cup when they beat favourites South Korea 3-0 in the Final. The victory has made the Kuwaiti manager, Brazil's 1970 World Cup captain Carlos Alberto, a national hero.

● Malmö FF will not be Champions of Sweden again this year, but after

winning 3-2 away to Elfsborg in Boras, new English manager Keith Blunt is said to be playing a more open game, more pleasing to the eyes of the club's supporters than in the '1-0 days' of Bob Houghton, who took Malmö to the European Cup Final.

● AS Roma created a new record this season having sold more than 19,000 season tickets that brought in £1 million.

● Servette (Geneva), who were runners-up in the Swiss Championship last season, have been hustled out of their F.A. Cup by FC Martigny, a Third Division team from Valais who are all amateurs. The Servette directors are so

disillusioned they are holding a special meeting to decide whether to fine their players severely, or resign themselves in protest.

● East German fans do well with their football on TV. In European games they recently saw on one evening, FC Vorwärts v Ballymena at 5pm and FC Carl Zeiss Jena v AS Roma at 8pm, both live and in full as well as highlights of two other games.

● Winners of Russia's Under-15 Cup from 902 entrants were Sokol Schali, who play in Jerevan. Finals for all age groups were played in Kiev and half the big Russian clubs are scrambling over very talented 11-year-old (!) Andronik Oganesjan.



WITH the great Ajax side he won three European Cup medals; three Leagues; three Cups; two Super Cups; and one Inter-continental Cup. With Barcelona he picked up Spanish Cup and Cup-Winners' Cup medals. And with Holland he disputed two World Cup Finals.

Johan Neeskens' visiting-card is as impressive as you'll find in European football, and the Dutch midfielder is undoubtedly one of the great names of the last decade.

But, as Nottingham Forest's much-publicised moves to sign the 29-year-old star recede into history, SHOOT takes a look at the troubled world of Johan Neeskens and wonders if the likeable Dutchman can rediscover in the 1980's the sort of form that rocketed him to fame in the 70's...

THIS Neeskens who turns up one day and disappears the next is no use to me nor to the team."

That bold statement from Cosmos boss Hennes Weisweiler sums up all the question marks currently hanging over Johan Neeskens' future in the game — all the more so coming from the man who Neeskens himself once described as the best manager he's known.

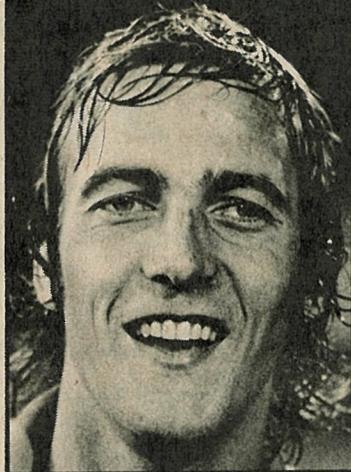
The comment came when Johan failed to arrive at Kennedy Airport for the Cosmos' trip to California for a vital NASL play-off match against the Los Angeles Aztecs.

The club, fearing a kidnapping or mugging, called in the police in a

bid to track down the missing midfielder, but they'd met with no success by the time he calmly arrived for training a week later as if nothing had happened.

Unfortunately, Johan's New York disappearing act wasn't his first. A depressingly regular feature of his life with the Cosmos, he'd already set the pattern during his five years in Barcelona, and his chaotic private life was an important factor in the Spanish club's decision not to renew his contract, even though his performances on the pitch had never given the slightest cause for complaint and even though he was the idol of the Catalan fans.

At that stage he'd gone as far as



leaving his wife Marianne and son Cristian to set up home with a local girl, though the couple resumed some sort of family life in the USA.

In the meantime, sources close to the Spanish club were alleging that Johan's headline-hitting marital problems were only the tip of a sizeable iceberg.

Outside the stadium, they whispered, Neeskens threw himself headlong into a type of night-life unbecoming a top sportsman, and

was dragging some of his younger team-mates into the same twilight world.

And his refusal to install a phone in his flat, ostensibly to avoid being pestered by the Press, meant that club officials were unable to pull their usual trick of phoning late at night to ensure that their players were safely tucked up at home...

Understandably, Johan himself resented any intrusion into his private life and argued (with a good deal of truth on his side) that he should be judged exclusively by his performances on the pitch.

Here he certainly never gave less than 100 per cent effort, bags of aggression and total commitment during a brilliant nine-year European career.

But Neeskens' game is physical — and in his five years with Barcelona his continual and inevitable knocks meant that he was permanently receiving treatment or doing only light training.

When, in 1979, Johan asked the Spaniards for the security of a long-term contract they had reservations about his capacity to withstand sustained physical punishment.

Finally they refused.

"It's rubbish to say I'm over the

THE TROUBLED WORLD OF JOHAN NEESENKS



hill," said Johan in 1979. "I feel I'm good for four more years at the top, and I'll be playing for Holland in the 1982 World Cup."

With security in mind, Neeskens accepted the Cosmos' five-year deal, though he freely admitted he would have preferred to fulfil his ambition to play in England.

Further questions were raised about his long-term fitness when, during the Cosmos' Far East tour, he was seriously injured by a kidney-high tackle from behind and spent some time mysteriously paralysed from the waist down.

Many feared that his career was over, and it says much for his grit and determination that he fought back to fitness... only to put his reputation in jeopardy by his subsequent moonlighting.

It's with all this as background that Johan Neeskens begins his Cosmos career again with many of the problems as beset George Best.

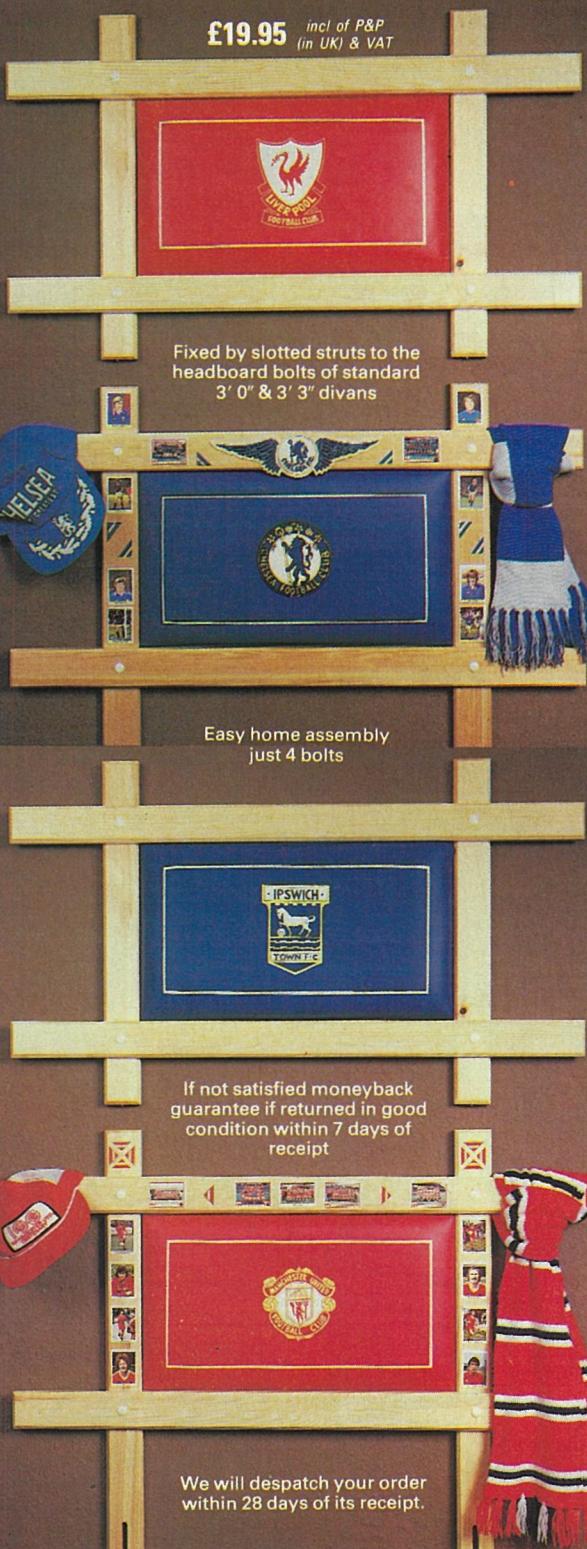
It's a shame the Nottingham Forest deal fell through, because his presence in the First Division would undoubtedly have brightened the domestic soccer scene.

At the back of one's mind, though, is the nagging doubt that Neeskens will fade quietly into obscurity.

On the field Neeskens has been a revelation for the Cosmos, but his private life has left a lot to be desired.

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EIRE'S GAIN ENGLAND'S LOSS

WHILE England were playing their second World Cup qualifying tie in Rumania, the Republic of Ireland were strengthening their claims for a place in Spain '82 with a 1-1 draw against Belgium. Eoin Hand, the Eire manager, is fortunate to have three of the best young defenders in the First Division . . . Chris Hughton (Spurs), David O'Leary (Arsenal) and Mark Lawrenson (Brighton).

The ironic part is that not one of them was born in Ireland; all three are Irish under the parentage ruling.

O'Leary, while born in London, grew up in Dublin and his accent is unmistakably Irish. Lawrenson and Hughton are not quite 'so Irish' . . . but how England manager Ron Greenwood must wish the three players were available to him rather than Eoin Hand.

A vote amongst managers would almost certainly place the Arsenal defender as the best in his position. Lawrenson is effective in either the back-four or midfield, while Hughton is one of the most promising young full-backs around.

At a time when question marks are hanging over England's centre-half and right-back positions, Greenwood's problems could be answered with the availability of the Irish trio.

O'Leary, understandably, considers himself Irish in every respect. He was brought up in Dublin and it was a natural progression when he pulled on the famous green jersey for the first time.

Lawrenson and Hughton are different, and Eire must thank Johnny Giles for snapping up this



CHRIS HUGHTON

pair. Mark was first capped in 1977 while still a Preston player . . . before his potential was realised.

Hughton became an international after just a handful of first team matches for Spurs; that was little over a year ago.

Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw remembers: "At the time I advised Chris to hold on. I told him he could play for England. Perhaps he thought I was kidding. England have lost a great player."

Registrations

But why weren't Lawrenson and Hughton noticed by England? The F.A. have acted now in an effort to stop players being "stolen" by insisting details of parents' birthplaces are included on registrations.

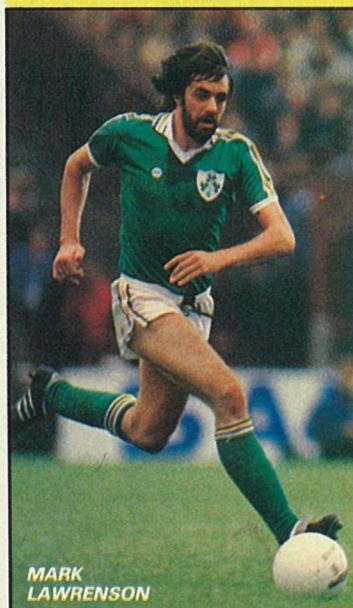
Full marks to the Irish for being on the ball. With fewer players to choose from, they did their homework and acted while England stood still.

One can appreciate the players' plight. Presumably they thought they could have an international career with the Republic, while if they had waited for England they may never have been called upon to claim a regular place.

With Dave Watson possibly past his best, and neither Phil Neal nor Viv Anderson looking European class, Greenwood must wish he had Hughton and Lawrenson.

Neither player has any regrets, though. They made their decision at the time and have stood by it. We can all be more knowledgeable in hindsight.

It's the luck of the Irish that Chris and Mark play for Eire and not England.



MARK LAWRENSON

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George Best
Dennis Law
Kenny Dalglish

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Fenwick knew he was a likely target for the Selhurst Park boot boys once he'd stepped into Sansom's shoes.

Another new face, goalkeeper Paul Barron, got the treatment after arriving from Arsenal, meaning the ousting of the crowd favourite John Burridge. But Fenwick took canny action to avoid getting the stick he knew the fans might dish out.

"I never gave them the chance," he says. "It was as though the crowd were waiting for the opportunity to give me stick, so I made sure that chance didn't come. In the first 20 minutes of games, I would play everything very easy: nice and simple."

'Mistake'

"I'd make sure I got my confidence high before I tried anything fancy and by then, the crowd were coming across to me so it was easier if I did make a mistake."

Fenwick is like several members of the Palace squad — highly versatile. He has played in midfield as well as full-back for the first team and isn't bothered where he plays, as long as he gets into the senior side.

"In some ways, I think I can offer the side things Kenny didn't provide. I might not have his skill, but I do more running off the ball than he did, and that can be useful when we're attacking."

"Kenny was good going forward WITH the ball, but he wasn't as keen to work without it. Maybe I don't look as glamorous when I'm playing, but that's not to say I'm not doing good things for the benefit of the team."

"When I was on the fringe of the team a couple of years ago I found I got more chances in the first team because I was able to play virtually anywhere, on either side of the field. That helps a player enormously and I'd say any aspiring young player should try to be as effective with his right foot as his left, or vice versa."

"The future? It's all down to me now to prove I can do the job for Palace. Our former boss, Terry Venables helped me a lot and gave me opportunities, and now my future is in my hands."

"I am confident that Palace can escape from the foot of the table, and I am looking forward to playing my part in the club's revival. I don't think we'll be relegated."

GRIMSBY TOWN



George Kerr (manager),
FRONT ROW: Tony Ford, Kevin Drinkell, Bob Cumming,
Joe Waters, Mike Broily, Bob Mitchell, Kevin Killmore,
Shaun Mawer.

BACK ROW (left to right): John Fraser (physio), Phil
Crosby, Clive Wigginton, Dean Crombie, Nigel Batt,
Graham Cawthorne, Harry Wainman, Gary Liddell, John
Stone, Kevin Moore, Dave Booth (coach).

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Grimsby Town

NOT since high scoring striker Pat Glover played for Grimsby and Wales before the last War and some of his 182 League goals helped hoist the club to fifth position in the First Division in the mid-1930's have The Mariners been more optimistic about their future.

Promotion from the Fourth Division in 1978-79 and glory again in winning Second Division status at the end of last season has given the club's long suffering supporters a new lease of life on the terraces on Saturday afternoons.

A club that has played in all six Divisions of the Football League — First, Second, Third, Third South, Third North and Fourth — is beginning to get the message across that there is more to Grimsby Town than fish.

But manager George Kerr is finding it difficult to convince his play-

ers that they have as much right as Blackburn, Sheffield Wednesday, Chelsea, Derby, West Ham and Newcastle to be playing in a Division only one step from the top tier of English football.

"I do have to remind my players that they have no reason to feel overawed when playing in such impressive surrounds," says Kerr. "I have noticed in games such as our defeat at Chelsea that we seemed to freeze early on and only started playing as we can later in the game."

Grimsby's progress is largely due to the honest and gallant management of George Kerr with little



FEARLESS MARINERS

Joe Waters, who has finally settled at Grimsby after an early spell at Leicester.



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Club Shop: There are five shops around the ground, selling all types of souvenirs.



Grimsby Town manager George Kerr.

money to spend on new players and only a shrewd soccer brain to rely on.

His influence has been largely instrumental in Grimsby progressing so far in a short time.

"The people of Grimsby have not had a lot to celebrate over the past 16 years, not since the club was last in Division Two back in 1964," says Kerr. "When Town won the Fourth Division title in 1972 it looked as if things were on the mend again. But relegation again in 1977 probably led the fans

to believe that this was the way things were going to be at Blundell Park.

"Promotion in successive seasons, however, has set the area alight. What we must do is ensure that there is no sliding back this time.

"Our early season results have proved that we are comfortable in our new surrounds. Our fans are now getting used to what must represent a whole day out when they watch us play in London.

"Naturally, our supporters have enjoyed our recent successes and many probably expect us to carry on moving up. But when you reach a Division where standards are that much higher on the pitch, it is important to take each game as it comes and settle into the atmosphere."

Kerr has told his players in training that he does not aim simply for consolidation. "That is a negative attitude," he says.

"We began this season aiming to win every game, and we will carry on playing this way all season. Realistically, we will not

Kevin Moore (light shorts) outjumps Chelsea's Colin Lee to head clear at Stamford Bridge.

achieve our aim. But the only way we are going to see this job through properly is to work in a positive frame of mind. We respect every team we face.

"We fear none of them."

Nevertheless, Grimsby's rivals will have noticed that they are struggling to score goals this season. Their defence has been sound, guaranteeing victories over Wrexham and Bristol City and draws with clubs such as Sheffield Wednesday, Watford, Luton and League leaders Notts County.

But after 14 games of the season, Grimsby were struggling along, just one place outside the bottom three. But progress is still being made, as their manager confirms.

"Yes, this club has come a long way in a very short time," says Kerr.

Few would disagree with the Northern club manager's assessment of their progress.

LIKE a legendary Mountie, Manchester United manager Dave Sexton finally got his man when he signed striker Garry Birtles from Nottingham Forest for a club record fee of £1.4 million.

He had been chasing Garry ever since Forest put the England international on the transfer list before the start of the season.

Garry, the former part-time tiler signed by Brian Clough for £2,000 from non-League Long Eaton four years ago, revealed soon after agreeing to a new five-year contract with United that Forest's assistant-manager Peter Taylor had made a last minute appeal for him to stay at the City Ground.

"But I was determined to get away," said Garry when he met the United lads at The Cliff the day after joining the club.

As you know Cloughie caused an unbridgeable rift between the pair by criticising Garry's ability and approach to the game in a magazine article.

"There was no way back for me after that," said Garry, who made a "dazzling" first impression at Old Trafford. And I'm not talking about his ability.

Garry is a snappy dresser and enjoys wearing what only can be described as "way out gear".

Well, he turned up at United looking quite outrageous in blue satin trousers and bright red shoes!

Apart from his dress sense, Garry will do well at Old Trafford, even though I don't believe he was worth over £1 million. No player is!

Surely this crazy transfer spiral

has got to stop. I was astounded when United paid Leeds a then record £500,000 for me a few years ago. At the time I couldn't see any other club affording to top that.

But they did, and here we are on the threshold of Britain's first £2 million player. That's the fantastic price Norwich City have put on Justin Fashanu.

MY SOCCER WORLD Gordon McQueen



One argument is that the cash stays in the game. That may be true. For instance, some of the money Forest got for Garry was spent on Brighton's Peter Ward allowing Alan Mullery to buy Andy Ritchie from United. But fewer and fewer clubs are able to compete for real quality players these days.

Let's put some sanity back into football and copy the Continentals by slapping a £600,000 ceiling on First Division transfers . . . £400,000 for the Second Division and so on down the scale.

Because of my injury problems I've watched a few games on other grounds this season and have been appalled at the conditions fans are subjected to.

It amazes me the way clubs are prepared to pay fortunes for one player yet expect the people who

provide that money through the turnstiles to eat stale sausage rolls and those horrible smelly hot dogs, drink dish water tea and use toilets unfit for animals.

I'm not criticising United for paying so much for Garry, because that's the going rate and they were forced to, and Old Trafford is second-to-none facility wise. But for heaven's sake let's get our priorities right and put things into perspective.

Regular readers of my column will recall me saying a few months ago that Garry was my type of player, the sort that would do well for United.

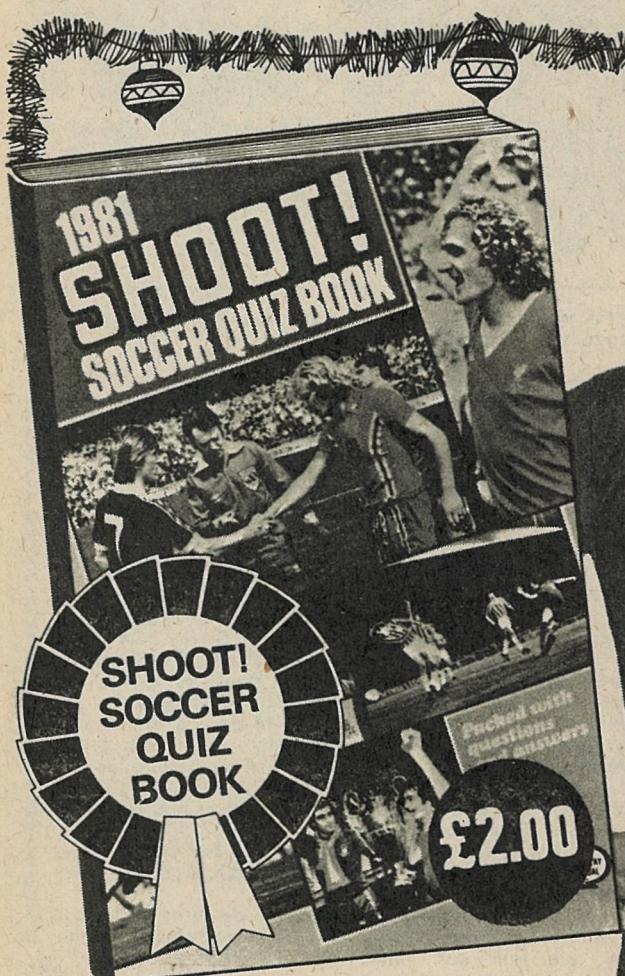
He is one of a vanishing breed . . . a proven goalscorer. Garry averaged over 20 goals a season for Forest, a great record considering the pressure of winning titles and European Cups.

Apart from his quality of play and skill, Garry is determined and a fighter. As he proved for England against Italy in Turin, he'll battle all day for you even when the going is tough, the team not playing well and against defenders who don't take prisoners.

Many strikers are selfish. All they think about is putting the ball into the back of the net. Garry is the



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Garry Birtles arrives at Old Trafford to be greeted by manager Dave Sexton. The former Nottingham Forest striker should end United's shortage of goals this season.

were right.

He said all he needed was time to see the job at Maine Road through, but that was running out if the club were to survive in the First Division this season.

There's no denying City have talent, a great deal of it in fact. All they lack is the experience to keep them going, allowing the youngsters that vital breathing space to establish themselves.

If Man. City have to go down to emerge a stronger, better team then so be it. But I sincerely hope that doesn't happen.

The city will miss Big Mal. The fans, the players, the Press, they all loved this larger than life character and respected the calm, dignified Tony Book. They won't be out of a job for long.

New manager John Bond has a heck of a tough job on his hands.

Confidence at Maine Road is at rock bottom. His first priority is to lift them up off the floor and get the team out of the habit of losing.

I don't know John Bond personally, but he certainly did a tremendous job for Norwich City. Apart from building the club into a respectable outfit with a smart stadium to match he kept them in the First Division on limited resources.

All at United wish him well and hope he does the same for City. As I've said so many times before, Manchester needs two thriving First Division clubs.

This Saturday (November 8th) United are at home to another City, Coventry.

They've beaten us twice already this season, in the League Cup, so I hope they aren't going to be our bogey side this season.

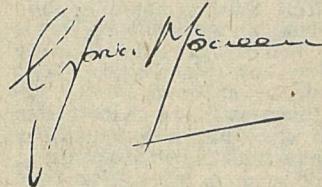
But if United are to win the title they must beat the Coventrys of this world, especially at Old Trafford.

Like so many clubs, The Sky Blues suffer from inconsistency. Perhaps they won't be quite so impressive this time.

Already this season they have scored three goals on four occasions, but have also lost 5-0 at home to Everton and 4-1 at Spurs.

Despite the promise of youngsters like Paul Dyson, Tommy English and Garry Thompson, Coventry always seem likely to finish in a mid-table position and no more. And with United now up among the leaders, I have to take us to continue our challenge by taking both points.

Take care . . .



Garry... Farewell Big Mal'

exception. He works non-stop, making space for others, laying balls off, creating chances.

I've played against him several times and found him a handful. He's guaranteed to give centre-halves a busy afternoon.

Garry's quiet and polite off the park. It's frightening to think of the havoc he and Joe Jordan will cause on it.

United have been given stick this season for not scoring goals. That should change now with Garry's extra thrust and power in attack.

A few days before Garry's arrival, Manchester said a sad farewell to Malcolm Allison and Tony Book.

Naturally I sympathised when they were sacked by City chairman Peter Swales, but it came as no real surprise to anyone in the game.

Like players, clubs don't really want to know a manager if he's not producing the goods.

Mind you, no one could accuse Big Mal of lacking the courage of his convictions. He devised a plan for the future of the club and stuck to it, making the changes he believed



Malcolm Allison bids farewell to the City players after his recent dismissal. Despite the club's poor results, Big Mal has left a talented squad behind at Maine Road.



PETER SWALES

Good friend, bad enemy

Peter Swales reflects on City's plight with new manager John Bond during their home game against Birmingham. City lost 1-0

SHOOT takes a closer look at two of

PETER Swales makes a good friend but a bad enemy. That is a self-confessed opinion made publicly by Manchester City's 'tough guy' chairman.

A business friend of the Maine Road chief put it another way when he said: "A hell of a nice guy, but he tends to leave a few dead bodies lying around."

The life and times of Swales seems to have been hallmarked by rampant success and dismal failure in which there have been more inquests than champagne celebrations.

Without doubt Peter Swales, self-made man and millionaire, is one of the most ambitious characters in football. He does not take failure lightly. He craves success.

But then that's only to be expected from a person who started a business with £50 and sold it for £350,000, transformed a bankrupt non-League side into one of the elite, and almost single-handed formed the Northern Premier League.

The Swales acumen was evident as a boy when he became the first at his junior school ever to win a free scholarship to the William Hulme Grammar School.

—SOCCER'S

At 16 he joined a firm of accountants, and qualified as a chartered secretary. After two years Army service, and at the still tender age of 24, he teamed up with a friend, Noel White, who was a clerk.

Together they formed a sheet-music business with just £50 capital, and ran it in a shop which measured just 12 feet by 10 feet.

In 1960 the firm branched out into radio and television and that was the turning point in the life of Peter Swales.

"We built up a chain of 16 shops in South Manchester and North Cheshire, and really we just got into television at the right time."

Swales built an empire out of

Swales, flanked by Ron Saunders (left) and Tony Book. Both men have since been replaced as Manchester City manager.

selling second hand TV sets, and before long the 16 shops mushroomed to 130, and he moved into the millionaire bracket.

The management team of Swales and White then fixed their sights on the local football team in Altrincham, putting in £2,000 each, Swales became chairman and White vice-chairman.

"We bought ourselves respectability and prestige. Some businessmen like to become councillors. Noel and I thought it would be nice to become football directors."

During his reign as chairman the club won the Cheshire League twice, the Cheshire Senior Cup, and League Cup. They also reached the F.A. Cup Third Round.

Swales soon needed a new challenge and that came in the form of the Northern Premier League.

Flying in the face of tradition, Swales set about the task of form-

ing the League by himself, and reward ultimately came to fruition when the League was formed in August, 1968.

Swales was chairman until June, 1972.

Before that he had turned his back on a well-paid executive job in 1970, having sold his business to the giant Thorn group for £350,000 — a tidy profit from that £50 start.

He was still managing director in the North-West, but in 1970 he actually started up another chain

of shops in direct competition to the one he started.

"Everyone thought I was completely mad, but I wanted to prove I could build up a business from scratch again," he said.

Swales became a director of Manchester City in October, 1971, and within two years had been made chairman.

In 1973 he became an F.A. councillor with the comment: "I am not going to be an empty vessel making a lot of noise."

Since then Swales has become one of football's most powerful men. He has had enormous influence on Manchester City, and continually pledges himself to the future success of the club.

"We have all taken a lot of knocks on the way, but nothing will deflect me from my aim to make Manchester City the biggest club in the country," says Swales.



PETER SWALES' CAREER

Chairman of Altrincham Football Club.
July, 1968 appointed chairman of Northern Premier League.
May, 1970 resigned as chairman, later persuaded to continue.
October, 1971 became a director of Manchester City.
June, 1972 resigned as chairman of Northern Premier League.
Aug, 1972 became second biggest shareholder in Manchester City
also became vice-chairman of the club in succession to Joe Smith.
Aug, 1973 joined the FA Council as a full member.
Sept, 1973 became chairman of Manchester City.
Nov, 1973 appointed Ron Saunders as manager.
April, 1974 Saunders sacked after five months. Tony Book
appointed — fourth manager in 13 months after Malcolm Allison,
Johnny Hart and Ron Saunders.
July, 1974 appointed to senior FA international group along with Sir
Matt Busby.
Jan, 1975 appoints Malcolm Allison as chief coach.
October, 1980 Malcolm Allison and Tony Book sacked, John Bond
appointed manager.

JIM GREGORY

The miracle worker

JIM Gregory laid bare his soul the day he announced: 'My ambition is to make Queens Park Rangers the Real Madrid of West London.'

That was in April, 1967, and everything the Rangers chairman said and did before and since that date has borne out his passion for making the Loftus Road club the best in the land.

The sacking of controversial manager Tommy Docherty on October 7 captured the type of headlines Gregory dislikes yet has repeatedly attracted since buying his way into the club in 1964 when washing machine tycoon John Bloom quit.

Gregory, a former terrace sup-

Jim Gregory with former Rangers manager Steve Burtnshaw, the man he eventually sacked.



MOST POWERFUL MEN

porter of Rangers, became a self-made millionaire through the business of property and garages. And he also became Rangers' chairman shortly after joining them. He put his money up front and made no secret of his ambitious plans to reach the First Division.

But it has been a bumpy road to the top, and one which a host of managers have failed to complete.

Docherty alone enjoyed an extraordinary relationship with Gregory. He joined Rangers in 1968, left 28 days later, joined them again but was sacked last May only to be re-instated nine days later.

His reported comments concerning Chelsea's efforts to sign Andy Ritchie from Manchester United were, in the chairman's words:

'The final straw. This dismissal has nothing to do with results. The club has to have a bit of dignity.'

Yet the comings and goings during Gregory's reign have often been somewhat devoid of dignity.

In April, 1965, Jimmy Andrews quit the club only two months after being promoted from coach to manager and one month after Gregory became chairman.

Alec Stock was moved back from general manager to manager, but in July, 1968 Bill Dodgin was promoted from coach to manager after Stock had steered Rangers to The Third Division Championship, victory in the 1967 League Cup Final at Wembley and through the Second Division to the First.

Stock was sacked in November, 1968, Dodgin resigned and

Docherty arrived for his first stay. He resigned in December and Les Allen took over in January, 1969.

Allen resigned exactly two years later and Gordon Jago became manager in February, 1971 after one month as caretaker boss.

that publicity follow him like a swarm of curious bees.

When Jago quit Gregory met the pressure by saying: 'Somebody once said that Jim Gregory wants to be manager as well as chairman. Well, let's put it this way, I would love to not have to help out a manager, but I have yet to find one I have not had to help.'

Later, when relegation loomed and the fans howled for his head, Gregory admitted: 'When football starts affecting your family, this seems to me to be the time to go.'

That was in December, 1978. But he did not resign, explaining: 'It is not easy to walk away from a club that is in trouble.'

Protest

The sale of local idol Phil Parkes to West Ham for a record £565,000 brought another storm of protest on Gregory's head. But on this occasion he showed the harder, more steely side of his character when he said: 'People are saying Gregory must go. Well, I should point out that basically the club belongs to me and my family. Gregory will go only when he wants to.'

He then justified his decision to sell a star player while the team was fighting a losing battle to avoid relegation by saying: 'I think we are a good Second Division side trying to stay in the First Division. We are never going to have the funds to compete with the big clubs.'

The occasional flurry behind the scenes may still punctuate Rangers progress as Gregory drives them around him towards greater things. But that is his way. And Rangers' progress since his arrival tends to justify it.

'KING' HECTOR REIGNS AGAIN AT DERBY

KEVIN Hector, the striker whom Derby County supporters used to chant 'King, King' as he rifled the ball into the back of opposing nets, is back at the Baseball Ground.

"But reputations matter for nothing," he insists. "I have to prove myself all over again."

Almost three years after being the victim of the Tommy Docherty axe, the stocky marksman is again wearing the white and black of Derby — and hunting out scoring opportunities just as he did for 12 years.

Hector, now 34 and with a Derby record of 145 League goals from his 426 matches, says: "Manager Colin Addison has given me my chance until the end of the season. Now it is up to me to use my experience to help out a young side.

"It is marvellous to be back at the club which was such a big part of my life. But, no matter what I did during the great years at Derby, I have to prove to everyone that I can still do a job. Colin told me 'You have to battle for your place like every newcomer' and I'm happy to accept that."

But, at 34 and after three years away from League football, can he still twist, turn and finish in those high speed bursts of scoring action? "Maybe I've lost a little edge in pace over the years, but I've always been convinced that I can still meet the demands of top class football.

"That has been my aim all along. It was at the heart of the deal I made with Burton in the Southern League. I played for them on a match-to-match basis on the understanding that I would be released to any League club that came in for me."

That club was finally the one that paid his wages for 12 years. "The supporters love Kevin, he loves the club and his home is still in Derby. The way he has charged in here, you'd think that he had never been away," says Addison.



"We're not doing any special favours. We want what Kevin has to offer. We're short of experience up front and he can put that right. He is fit, confident and delighted to be with us. That's not a bad starting point . . . the 'king' is back!"

Hector was in the side 48 hours after signing. His comeback started at Swansea and, despite having played only a couple of games in the previous eight weeks, he pounced for goal with high-charged enthusiasm. "I've been playing virtually all year round football," he explained afterwards to intrigued reporters.

"In the summer, it has been in Canada and the United States for Vancouver Whitecaps: in the winter, here for Burton, I've enjoyed myself and stayed in touch with the game. It will take a few matches to find the kind of extra fitness I need for the League . . . but I'll do it."

'Upset'

Hector has a special motivation for succeeding in his return. "I was upset at the way it ended in 1977. Tommy Docherty made it plain that 12 years for me at the club was long enough. He told me that I had no place in his plans and bombed me out.

"I didn't like the way it was done — but it is water under the bridge now. What matters is the job I do from now until the end of the season."

Along with Roy McFarland and Steve Powell, Hector remains a link with Derby's great days under Brian Clough. He is keenly aware that every football follower in the once triumphant Midlands city is expecting an immediate return to the First Division.

"Yes, there will be a lot of disappointed people around if we don't achieve it," he admits. "Everything remains geared to the First Division and we must have a good chance."

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SOUNESS MAKES IT —AT LAST!

After a glittering career during which he has gained most of the top honours the game has to offer, Liverpool's Graeme Souness has finally convinced his manager Bob Paisley that he has made the grade at Anfield!

"Graeme has really arrived, he is doing it all for us these days," says Paisley. "He was always a good player, but on top of everything else he is now scoring goals for us, which is a valuable bonus."

One of the criticisms levelled at Souness in the past was that he failed to take a game by the scruff of the neck, to sufficiently impose his authority on the play. But Paisley views the Souness contribution to a match in a different way.

"With Liverpool, as a central midfield man, Souness is in the midst of everything. It is here, with his excellent vision and the ability to distribute the ball accurately, that he has considerable influence on our entire approach.

"In addition, Graeme is a strong tackler, possessing defensive ability as well as his skill in promoting attacks. All-round he is really making his presence felt now. Overall, he is one of the best competitors in the game, and won't ease up during the 90 minutes.

"For Scotland, he usually operates on the right side of midfield, but he much prefers playing in the central role. Playing on the right just doesn't appeal to him."

Comfortable'

To the charge that the stamina of Souness may be suspect, Paisley has a ready answer. He says: "Graeme has often been told not to use up his energy needlessly. For example, we've been in a situation where we've held a comfortable lead and in no danger of losing it.

"But even in these circumstances, he would be continually trying to get involved in the play, not taking the easy way out and sitting back. We've had a word or two with him about this and since joining us from Middlesbrough I would say he has learned to pace himself much better.

"And mention of pace reminds me that to those who reckon that Souness isn't the fastest player, my reply is that his anticipation ensures that he is in the right place at the right time. You don't find Graeme caught out very often, which is one of the reasons why he is such a class player."

But there is one department in which manager Paisley is ready to concede that Souness hasn't been faultless — that of his poor disciplinary record.

"Here again, it is a matter of Graeme's total involvement," explained Paisley. "At times he is simply too keen. In the past, when getting near the 20 points mark, he was apt to go into a tackle only 50-50 for fear of collecting another booking.

"This holding back occasionally affected the performance of the team. But he has listened to advice on this and improved.

"In fact, Graeme Souness is a player who gives me no worries, and whose behaviour off the field, as well as on it, doesn't create any problems for me.

"The success he has enjoyed at Anfield has been good for him. He was discouraged in his last season at Middlesbrough, but being among the honours with Liverpool has perked him up.

"Finally, any playboy image which may have been applied to him with Boro has not shown in his make-up at Anfield — he has fitted in with us 100 per cent."

Along with his manager, the most critical and discerning judgment on any player can be made

by team-mates, the men who play alongside him every week. And in this respect, nobody is better qualified to give an opinion on Souness than his fellow-midfielder Ray Kennedy.

"It's great to be in the same team as Graeme," says Kennedy. "He seems to get better all the time, and good as he is at the moment, I firmly believe that we haven't seen the best of him.

"As a link-man between defence and attack, Graeme is very important in the Liverpool set-up. He is the man who holds the ball, then releases it for the benefit of the players who are moving forward, including Terry McDermott and myself.

"Previously, there have been occasions when Graeme perhaps played too far back, but these days as well fulfilling a defensive role he is also getting among the goals.

"Like others in the Liverpool squad, including myself, Graeme took a while to settle in at Anfield.

"But since his Middlesbrough days he has matured, and is calmer on the field, realising that if any Liverpool player reacts in the wrong way it affects us all.

"Every team needs a midfield

man who can tackle, and Graeme's talent for winning the ball and using it so well takes a lot of pressure off Terry McDermott and myself.

"Always smartly dressed and good company, Graeme is a fine advertisement for Liverpool and for football."

Souness, who was born in Edinburgh, was an apprentice with Spurs, but made his League debut for Middlesbrough following his transfer to Ayresome for £30,000 in January, 1973. Liverpool paid £325,000 for him five years later.

And the money proves to have been well spent, with Liverpool's England international striker, Dave Johnson, paying his own tribute.

"Graeme always gives the impression that he is never hurried — like all outstanding players, he appears to have time to put his foot on the ball.

"He is a big strong lad who isn't afraid to put his foot in where it hurts, and to those who believe his tackling is occasionally too robust I must point out that this is part of his game — he wouldn't be the same player without his ability to win the ball.

"And lately, he has added extra accuracy to his passing, plus the knack of scoring from any angle. Nobody can ask for more than that."



THOSE long suffering fans down at one of England's most famous grounds had something to cheer in the early weeks of this season.

Supporters of Charlton Athletic have had to survive on crumbs of comfort in recent years, for their club has steadily slipped down the footballing ladder.

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From the glory days of the late 1940's and early 50's, when Charlton won the F.A. Cup and played First Division football to enormous crowds, it's been a steady story of deteriorating fortunes at the once proud Valley.

Relegation to Division Three last season was just the latest in a series of blows to the unhappy club. Manager Andy Nelson was sacked just before the end of the season and, more importantly, there seemed little reason for optimism at the start of this new campaign.

Yet after 15 matches of this season, who were challenging strongly at the top of Division Three? None other than Charlton, recovering fast, it seemed, from the traumas of last season.

Of course, 15 matches hardly make a season and no one was getting too carried away down at The Valley, especially after slipping from the pole position they had earlier enjoyed. But

Charlton have started well, and maybe there is ground for optimism for the season.

Striker Derek Hales, who completed 100 goals for the club when he notched the winner from the penalty spot against Chester at The Valley, was typical of the players.

"Take it easy — there is a long way to go yet," was Hales' reaction to early talk of promotion. "In the early weeks, the ground

But Hales added: "We've all got to continue proving ourselves. The youngsters have started well; and Paul Walsh has done particularly well. He's a young lad, pretty skilful and very determined.

"Kevin Smith, a local lad, has done well, too, but people should remember it's a long season in Division Three. At the end of 46 League matches, things could look a lot different.

"I always think you show the

true character in your side when you've got to battle through the mud, wind and rain you often get early in the New Year. That's a testing time for any side, particularly one with youngsters. We'll know more about our prospects when we've played a few games in those kind of conditions."

Hales believe things went wrong last season for a variety of reasons. "Andy Nelson was probably right when he said he stayed too long. But I believe any club has its share of ups and downs. Now we must put the past behind and look to the future.

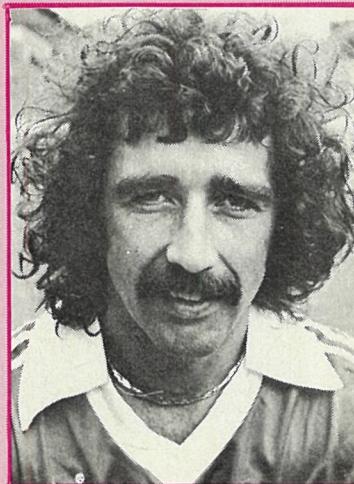
'Confidence'

"The lads have worked hard and are having a go for Mike Bailey, the new gaffer. And it's surprising how much confidence comes from getting a few wins. But it won't be easy this season, because there are a lot of battling sides in this Division."

Hales will be 29 at the end of the year. Will he stay at The Valley until the end of his playing days, or join the fifth club of his career?

"You can never tell in this game," he says. "I've always scored a few goals and I suppose if you do that, you'll always interest people. Putting the ball in the net is getting harder and harder, but I've always fancied my chances of scoring goals."

"But I am perfectly happy where I am at the moment. I'm just hoping we can keep up our good early form. I think we can."



was like concrete and the grass long and comfortable. We did well on that surface but who knows what we'll do in the ankle-deep mud of January and February.

"A good start is essential, and we were pleased to get one. But if you want my thoughts on our chances of going up this season, you'd better come back in March or early April."

Hales, a seasoned campaigner, was right to urge caution. Yet there were hopeful signs behind the Charlton start. Youngsters Paul Walsh and Kevin Smith have done well, and new boss Mike Bailey was certainly happy with their progress. Dick Tydeman was proving an inspiring skipper and the defence looked more organised than in previous seasons.



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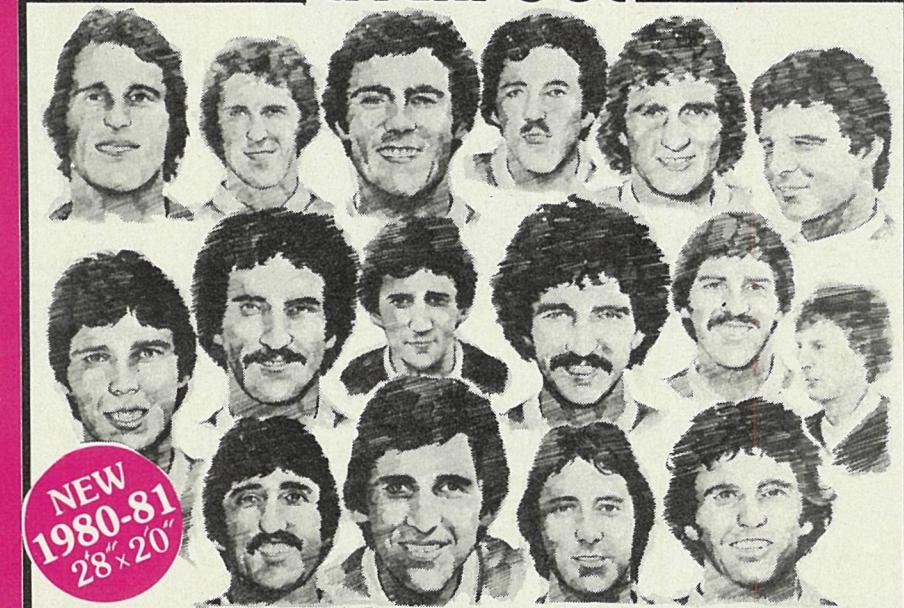
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WEST HAM
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CHOICE OF PLAYERS

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BRADY
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LIVERPOOL



KEVIN KEEGAN



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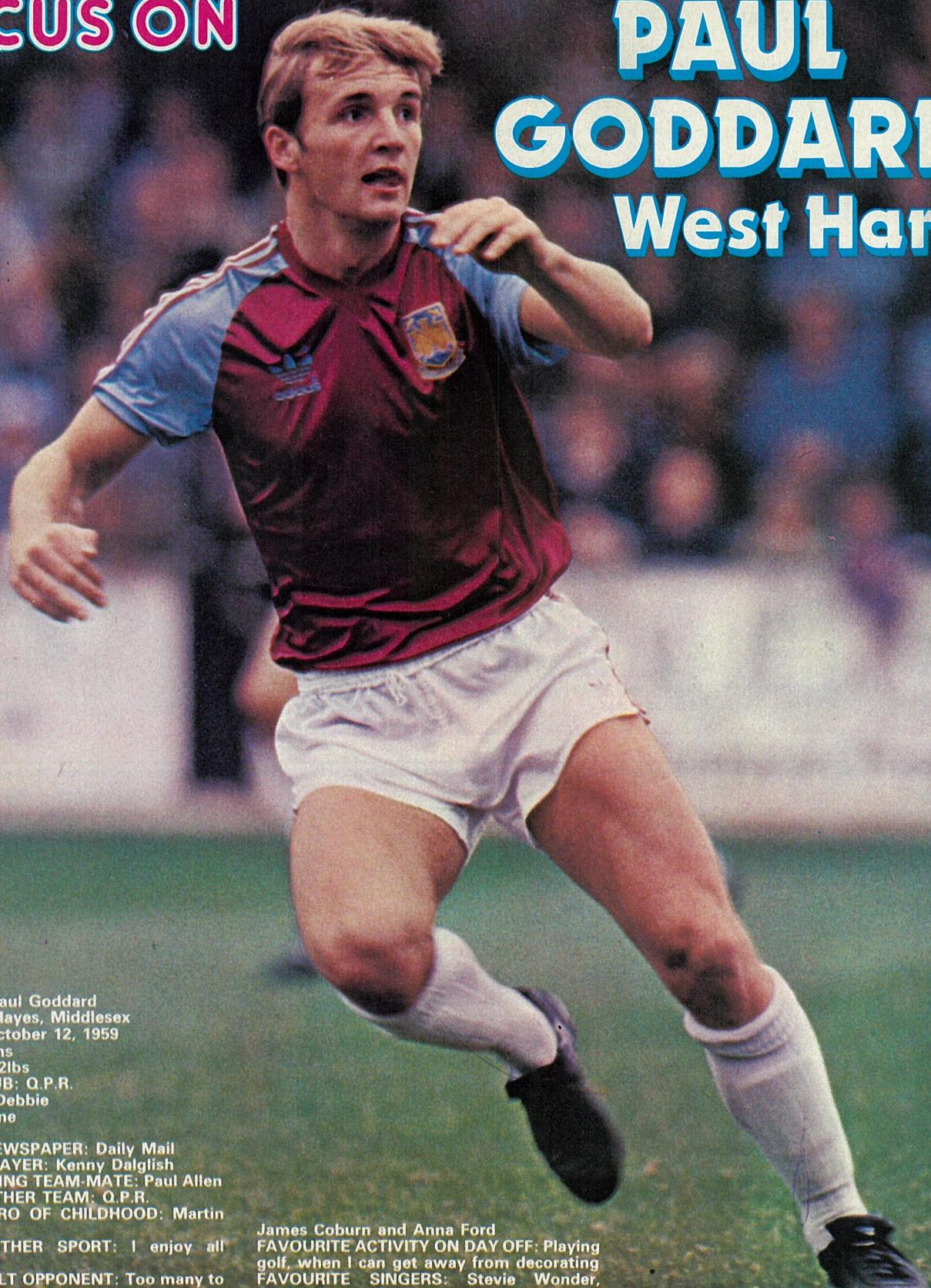
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225 SPORT RD

FOCUS ON

PAUL GODDARD

West Ham



FULL NAME: Paul Goddard

BIRTHPLACE: Hayes, Middlesex

BIRTHDATE: October 12, 1959

HEIGHT: 5ft 9ins

WEIGHT: 11st 2lbs

PREVIOUS CLUB: Q.P.R.

MARRIED: To Debbie

CHILDREN: None

CAR: Fiat X1/9

FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mail

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kenny Dalglish

MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Paul Allen

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Q.P.R.

FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Martin

Chivers

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: I enjoy all sports

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Too many to mention

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The game when we clinch promotion this season

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: So far haven't had any

FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Q.P.R.

FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Scampi and milk

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Playing with my great dane puppy/washing up and rainy days

FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Barbados

FAVOURITE TV STAR, MALE AND FEMALE:

James Coburn and Anna Ford

FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Playing golf, when I can get away from decorating

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Stevie Wonder,

Olivia Newton-John

AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Depends on result. If we win I have a meal or go to a disco with Debbie and friends

BEST FRIEND: Hope I've got many

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My wife and family for all the support they have given me. All the coaches at Q.P.R.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Under-21

appearances for England

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be well liked by

everyone and be happy in life

IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU

DO? P.E. teacher

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The person who's going to sort out the country from the present mess it's in

Paul Goddard

SHOOT!